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CJI Surya Kant says judiciary faces new challenge of preserving public faith, 'panacea lies in judges' integrity & knowledge', P 10

B'luru techie-daughter, live-in partner kill her parents & sister

Family Confronted Her After She Ran Up A Debt Of ₹30L

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Bengaluru: In a gruesome triple murder, a 24-year-old techie and her live-in partner allegedly stabbed the woman's parents and younger sister to death inside the duo's Seegehalli apartment in east Bengaluru Monday night before making a dramatic escape.

Police said a dispute over the accused woman's unpaid bank loans, which had reportedly crossed Rs 30 lakh, was the trigger for the killings. The accused couple had kept the family in dark about their live-in relationship, which is over a year-old, said police.

Police identified the accused as M Shwetha and J Kenneth, both engineering graduates and former classmates. The victims were Shwetha's father Somasundar, 52, mother Muthulakshmi, 48, and younger sister Supriya, 19.

After several bank notices addressed to her daughter began arriving at the family's Marathahalli residence, Muthulakshmi went to Shwetha's flat in Seegehalli on Sunday evening. Somasundar had to repeatedly call his daughter last week to coax her into sharing her rental address, where the duo had moved in two months ago, family sources told police. Muthulakshmi stayed the night at the apartment, and by Monday evening, Somasundar and Supriya too reached the flat.

What began as a verbal confrontation over the loans allegedly spiralled into a deadly attack. Around 10pm, neighbours were startled by loud screams and commotion. Moments later, a profusely bleeding Somasundar was seen on the staircase.

MAYHEM IN SEEGEHALLI FLAT

- 24-year-old techie **Shwetha** and her live-in partner **Kenneth** stab woman's parents and younger sister to death
- Family allegedly confronted Shwetha over **bank notices and loans exceeding ₹30 lakh**
- Bodies of Somasundar, 52, Muthulakshmi, 48, and Supriya, 19, **bore at least 50 stab wounds**
- CCTV footage captures the **accused jumping** from the apartment balcony
- Search is on for the couple, who **fled the scene minutes after the crime**

▶Parents knew little, P 2

Peak-hour pain for commuters as glitch disrupts Purple Line service

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Bengaluru: A technical fault in a Namma Metro train at Cubbon Park underground station Tuesday evening led to the suspension of services on the Purple Line's underground stretch between Cubbon Park and Magadi Road stations, disrupting travel for thousands of commuters across the city's central Metro corridor.

The disruption affected six underground stations, including Majestic, the busiest interchange hub, which handles lakhs of passengers daily. The breakdown of services in the tunnel section had a cascading effect across the corridor, resulting in widespread delays, overcrowding and uncertainty for commuters heading home.

The outage impacted the 5-km underground section of the Purple Line, severing a crucial transport link through central Bengaluru.

This is one of the major disruptions to the city's Metro network in recent times. Services had not been completely restored at the time of going to press.

During inspections, officials discovered other issues with the third-rail system at Cubbon Park station. They found that a bracket supporting the third-rail system had come loose, damaging the Current Collector Device (CCD) of the train.

Stranded commuters outside the MG Road Metro Station on Tuesday

CHAOS UNFOLDS ON THE TRACKS

- A bracket supporting third-rail system on the Purple Line **had come loose, damaging the Current Collector Device**
- Causes **operational issues at Cubbon Park station**
- Power **supply to affected section had to be switched off** to facilitate repair works
- Metro authority BMRCL says it **expects services to return to normal Wednesday**

▶Services resume today, P 3

Delhi cabbie kidnaps, rapes & kills minor

Basu Kumar Singh, a 25-year-old married man with two children and a criminal history, has been arrested for the alleged kidnap, rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl in south Delhi early Monday morning. The child was sleeping on a pavement with her family when she was kidnapped, said police. **P 8**

Cabinet rejig buzz as minister quits

George Kurian's resignation as minister of state for minority affairs and PM Modi calling on the President re-ignited the buzz about the likelihood of a ministerial reshuffle before monsoon session. **P 10**

City court re-issues warrant against actor Prakash Raj

Bengaluru: A city court has re-issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against actor Prakash Raj in a case relating to allegations that his name appeared on multiple electoral rolls across three states, including Karnataka. The next hearing is on July 25. The latest NBW was issued on June 12 on a petition filed by city-based advocate K Dilip Kumar. TNN

▶On electoral rolls, P 3

Fiancee, her lover pushed Maha realtor to death: Cops

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Pune: CCTV footage showing a man wearing a hoodie in summer and trailing a couple gave investigators the clue that untangled a 25-year-old Pune realtor's June 18 murder after his fiancée had everyone at home believe he "accidentally" fell to his death from Lohagad Fort, Lonavla, while posing for a picture.

Siya Goyal (20) and the man in the hoodie, her alleged partner Chetan Chaudhary (22), were arrested on Tuesday and charged with pushing Agarwal off a cliff after police learnt the suspects were in a relationship and had allegedly made two previous abortive attempts to stage a fatal accident, once at the same site. Goyal had claimed Agarwal fell into a 300-ft gorge while posing for a photo.

▶Posted tribute, P 8

Global technology stocks sell-off drags down sensex

A sell-off in technology shares worldwide, led by a massive slide in the tech-heavy Korean stock market on Tuesday, pulled sensex down by nearly 900 points to 76,201 points. The day's session started on a steady note but once Korea's Kospi showed weakness following a warning from its securities regulator about the index's rally in recent months, things began moving south. Kospi hit the circuit breaker and closed 10% down. **P 19**

Akhilesh, Cong slam BJP & MP CM over land row

Lucknow/New Delhi: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged Tuesday that land-related accusations against Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav were part of a BJP plot to discredit and replace 3 of its CMs, including in Rajasthan and UP even as Congress attacked the MP CM.

The allegation followed a report by Indian Express that Mohan Yadav's family and real estate firms had acquired at least 137 plots spanning 168 acres in Ujjain for Rs 45 crore in 2 years since Dec 2023. The plots were allegedly concentrated in areas that benefited from road projects and land-use changes announced by MP govt. TNN

▶Infighting in BJP, P 11

IAS officer held for siphoning off ₹60cr from Hry govt a/cs

The CBI has arrested senior IAS officer Pankaj Aggarwal in a Rs 60.5 crore scam involving an alleged misappropriation of funds from Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad and Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board. The former principal secretary of the school education and agriculture departments is now in CBI custody. **P 10**

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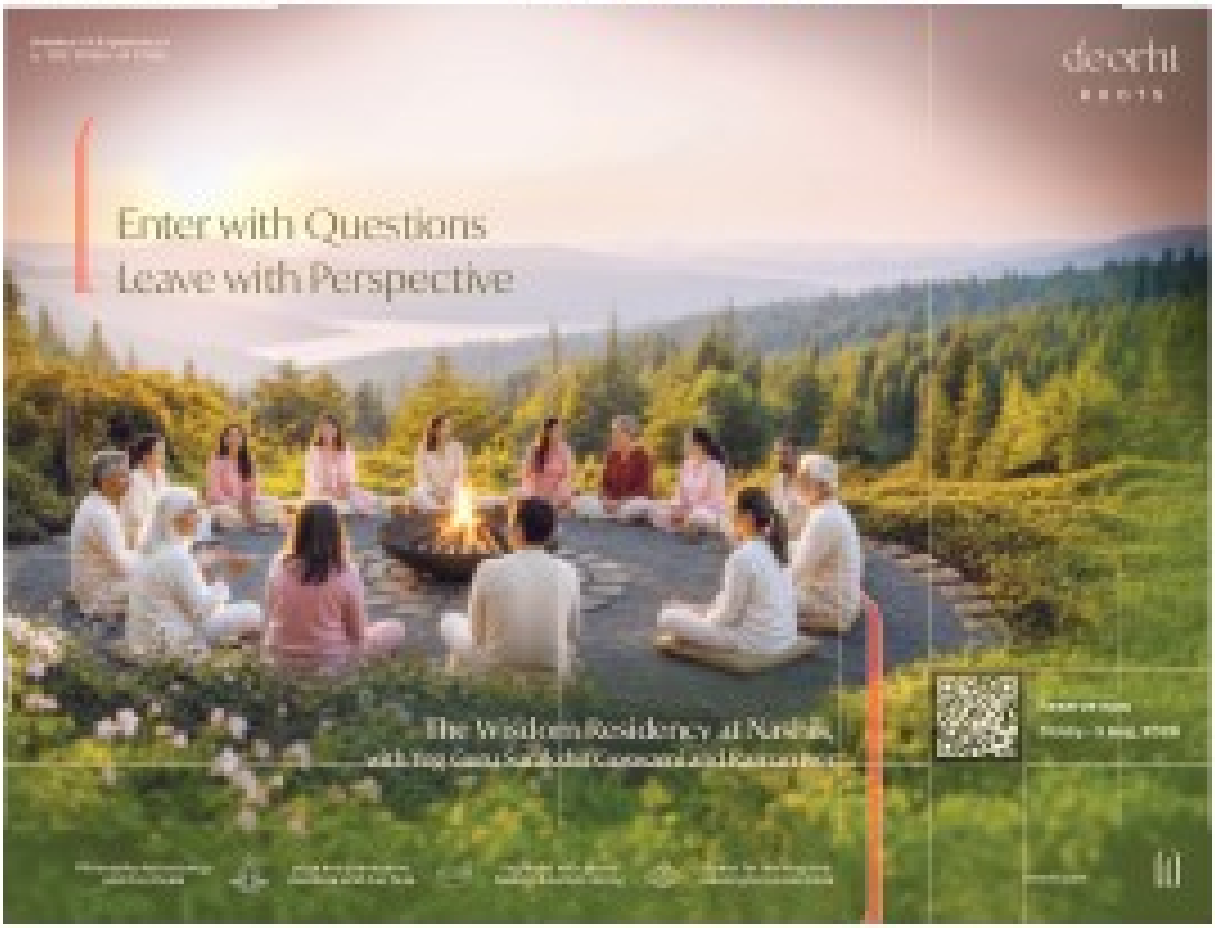
Sathish Ninasam clarifies viral 'education' remark; producers body accepts explanation

Market opening, a big bang finish on the box office

'This is the era of sleeper hits'

THE QUIET CLIMBERS OF BOX OFFICE



Almost a week on, no trace of missing man's body in STP

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Bengaluru: Five days after a worker went missing inside Balagere sewage treatment plant (STP), rescue teams Tuesday continued to face one of the most challenging recovery operations in recent times. The body of Akhilesh, 30, a native of Bihar, remained untraced despite extensive search efforts.

Personnel from the fire and emergency services, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and other agencies have been searching for the worker for almost a week, painstakingly combing through the STP. With each passing day, pressure is mounting on the teams deployed at the site as they persist in their search for the missing worker.

Officials involved in the operation told **TOI** the tank has already been searched once. "The entire STP, which is around 13 metres deep with a radius of nearly 11 metres, has been manually searched. We haven't found any trace of the body... we have never struggled this much to locate a missing person," said an official.

In the latest attempt, rescue teams Monday deployed specialised sensors to locate the body. Officials said the sensors were first lowered into four locations identified by BWSSB officials, but the exercise yielded no results. The equipment was later used across the tank system, yet failed to detect any signs of the missing worker.

With technology proving unsuccessful, teams have now begun a second round of manual searches, revisiting compartments that were already inspected during the initial phase of the operation. The search has been complicated by continuous inflow of sewage into the interconnected chambers. Rescue personnel said they are repeatedly undertaking dewatering operations to reduce water levels and improve visibility before entering the tank sections.

What has particularly puzzled rescuers is the fact that the search is being carried out in what they describe as a largely closed system. "If this was a large pipeline network or an open water body, it would be a different situation. But this is a closed tank. The body should be somewhere inside the system, it cannot go out," another official said.

Akhilesh and Akilan, 29, a mechanical supervisor from Tamil Nadu, fell into the BWSSB-operated treatment facility Thursday evening while inspecting a section of the plant at the end of their shift. Akilan's body was recovered early on Saturday. Neither CM DK Shivakumar nor MLA Manjula Limbavali has commented on the issue so far.

Toll on rescuers

The prolonged operation is also taking a toll on rescue personnel. According to officials, more than 25 personnel are working in shifts around the clock. Sources said several personnel have reported health issues, including infections and sickness, owing to prolonged exposure to contaminated environment in the tank.

Police: Parents knew little about duo's lives

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By the time police arrived, the apartment had turned into a scene of carnage. The victims suffered dozens of stab wounds, while the accused couple vanished within minutes of the crime, triggering a massive manhunt. "There were at least 50 stab wounds on the victims' bodies," an investigating officer revealed.

According to police, Shwetha and Kenneth were engineering classmates at New Horizon College. Two months ago, they had moved into Sai Green Apartment complex in Seegehalli. "Shwetha and Kenneth were so detached from their families that none of their parents knew their whereabouts," the officer said.

"Kenneth told his parents that he was working in Hyderabad and lived there. When we visited them at their residence, they were shocked, saying that all this while they knew Kenneth was in Hyderabad," another officer said.

Somasundar and Muthulakshmi, too, had little idea about their daughter's life, said police. It was only after bank notices began reaching their home that they discovered she had accumulated substantial loans.

All three were rushed to a nearby private hospital. While Muthulakshmi and Supriya were declared brought dead, Somasundar succumbed to his injuries later. Supriya is an undergraduate student at New Horizon College, Marathahalli.

CCTV shows them fleeing

CCTV footage from the apartment complex allegedly shows Shwetha and Kenneth fleeing immediately after the attack.

"They jumped out from their balcony and rushed towards the parking lot, before riding away," a police officer said. "In his dying declaration, Somasundar told us about Shwetha's unpaid loans and that he wanted her to return home for now and later get married to Kenneth," he added.

FATAL ENDINGS From Tap Water To Family Arguments, Minor Disputes Spiral Into Major Crimes Across B'luru

Tap water tiff turns deadly, results in PG owner's killing

1 Two youths, Rakesh and Don Brite Son, left their respective homes Monday afternoon & headed to a nearby bar, where they spent some time drinking beer together

2 Around 6.30pm, the duo stopped near a PG building to relieve themselves. After Rakesh got his feet dirty, he and Don used tap water inside the compound to wash their feet

3 Shortly thereafter, PG owner Madhav noticed the two youths inside the premises and confronted them over their presence and use of the water facility

AI Images

4 By 6.45pm, the argument escalated into a violent row. The dispute spilled onto the street, and the duo allegedly assaulted Madhav using a cricket bat

5 As locals began to gather, the youths fled on their two-wheeler after abandoning the bat. Madhav was taken to a hospital by 7.15pm, where he was declared dead

6 Following a night-long investigation, police tracked down the accused and arrested them around 4am Tuesday

Times News Network

Bengaluru: A heated argument over washing legs with tap water inside a paying guest accommodation ended in tragedy when the establishment's owner, 37-year-old Madhav Metli, was beaten to death near Kasturinagar Main Road in east Bengaluru Monday evening.

Police swung into action and arrested the two accused students — Rakesh, 21, a resident of Cox Town, and Don Brite Son, 20, from Jeevanahalli — within nine hours of the incident.

The deceased, Madhav, was the owner of Lakshmi Narasimha PG for Gents. He, along with his wife and two children, was staying on the ground floor of the building, while the upper floors were converted into a PG accommodation. Madhav's family, from Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh, came to the city 15 years ago.

Based on preliminary investigation, police said Madhav spotted the two-wheeler-borne Rakesh and Don using water from a tap on the PG premises around 6.30pm. He confronted them while they were washing their feet and asked if they were residents of the building. When the boys replied they weren't, Madhav shouted at them for entering the premises without permission and using the tap water. What began as a verbal argument quickly spiralled into a violent altercation.

According to police, the dispute intensified when the accused started abusing Madhav in filthy language. Rakesh and Madhav allegedly manhandled each other. Angered, Madhav picked up a cricket bat and swung it towards the duo, only for the youths to snatch it after overpowering him. By then, all three were on the road in front of the PG.

Rakesh allegedly attacked Madhav with the bat, while Don assaulted and kicked him, causing injuries all over his body. Madhav received a hard blow to his head. On hearing Madhav's screams, his family and a few residents rushed to his aid, prompting the boys to throw the bat and flee on their two-wheeler.

Madhav was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Ramamurthy Nagar police registered a case under Section 103 (murder) of the BNS based on the complaint filed by Madhav's wife Sunitha.

DCP (east) Vikram Amathe said the accused, who have been friends for years, do not have any criminal background. While Rakesh is a student of CMR College, Don is a dropout from the same institute.

A senior officer said the duo had consumed alcohol at a bar about 3km away from the PG and were returning to their area on a two-wheeler. On their way, they stopped near the PG to relieve themselves.

"Madhav was a very good man. The two youngsters assaulted him with a cricket bat on the road. They were hitting him as if they were cleaning dust from a mattress. While I was cleaning my house, I heard a noise. I opened the gate and peeped outside. I thought people who had come from a bar were fighting one another. I went inside the house out of fear. An hour later, I got to know what had happened," said Sai Karuna Chandra, resident of the area.

Rakesh (accused) Don (accused) Madhav (victim)

MAN ENDS LIFE AFTER ASSAULT BY WIFE'S KIN IN FRONT OF VILLAGERS

Times News Network

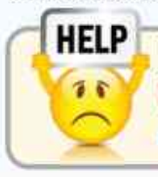
A long-standing marital dispute culminated in tragedy after a 38-year-old man died by suicide following a heated confrontation involving his wife and her family.

According to a complaint filed by Rajanna, the deceased's father, his son Kumar RT, a graphic designer, had been married to Roopa for the past 15 years, and the couple have two children. However, differences between the husband and wife strained the relationship for several years.

Rajanna alleged that on June 18, around 8.30pm, Roopa, accompanied by her family members and relatives, arrived at their residence and created a ruckus. The group allegedly assaulted Kumar and his mother, hurled abuse at his family, and humiliated them in front of villagers.

Rajanna claimed the incident left his son distressed and humiliated. The following day, after having dinner, Kumar retired to his room. On June 20, at 4am, the family found Kumar hanging. Holding Roopa and her relatives responsible for his son's death, Rajanna filed a complaint.

A senior officer said Kumar and his wife developed disputes as he allegedly got addicted to alcohol. "We've issued notice to the accused and are investigating the incident," he said.



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IF YOU ARE HAVING SUICIDAL THOUGHTS OR ARE IN NEED OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, CALL SUICIDE-PREVENTION HELPLINES:

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DEBT-HIT CLOTH MERCHANT, AIDE KILL ELDERLY WOMAN

Times News Network

A debt-ridden cloth merchant and his associate have been arrested on charges of murdering a 72-year-old widow farmer at Koratagere in Tumakuru district.

M Ratnamma of Dasalakunte village was found murdered with her legs and hands tied near her agricultural land. The incident came to light when her daughter-in-law Bhagyamma went in search of her. The miscreants had stuffed cloth into Ratnamma's mouth to prevent her from shouting, and the same suffocated her, police said. Bhagyamma filed the complaint a week back, stating that two men, claiming to be "squirrel catchers," had met Ratnamma in a coconut grove. The men were allegedly seen aon the agricultural land on June 16 afternoon. "Also, a few villagers had seen them during previous visits. We detained them and they confessed to having killed her in a bid to rob her of 80 grams of gold," a cop said.

The accused are M Gangadhar, 24, of Bettada Hosahalli in Nelamangala and his associate U Surya, 25, from Hosakerehalli. Surya is a cook, and Gangadhar allegedly gave him Rs 30,000 to help him commit the crime. "Gangadhar had a loan of Rs 17 lakh and conspired with Surya to rob the lone woman. During his business visits, Gangadhar saw Ratnamma and knew that she goes for evening walks," an officer explained.

Liquor-fuelled row leads to murder

Times News Network

Bengaluru: An elderly woman was beaten to death allegedly by her daughter and grandson inside their Kengeri apartment after a drunken quarrel, with the crime coming to light only when the grandson called his paternal uncle seeking money.

The deceased has been identified as Jayamma, 70. The accused are her daughter, Bhagyalakshmi, 49, and grandson, Kushal, 26. The alleged murder took place at their residence in Monisha Enclave Apartment in Subhash Nagar, near Kengeri Satellite Town, Sunday night.

According to preliminary investigation, police found that Jayamma, Bhagyalakshmi and Kushal were addicted to alcohol and frequently relied on money obtained from the sale of family properties. The trio is said to have had frequent arguments over this and other matters.

On Sunday night, a quarrel broke out between Jayamma and Bhagyalakshmi, and it allegedly escalated into a violent assault. Police said Bhagyalakshmi and Kushal attacked Jayamma with a cricket bat and a wooden stick used to make ragi balls, inflicting fatal injuries. After the murder, the accused allegedly remained in the house and continued drinking. On Monday, Kushal called his paternal uncle, Swamy Naik, seeking money. Naik refused, saying the money would be spent on liquor, and disconnected the call.

Kushal later called Naik again and informed him that Jayamma had died, without revealing the circumstances. When Naik rushed to the apartment, he found Jayamma lying dead near the bathroom door with visible injuries. Suspecting foul play, he alerted the cops.

Jayamma (victim)

Bhagyalakshmi (accused)

Kushal (accused)

Kengeri police rushed to the spot and arrested Bhagyalakshmi and Kushal. DCP (South-West) Anitha B Haddannavar said Dhananjay, a gym owner living in the apartment complex, filed the complaint. A case has been registered under Section 103 (punishment for murder) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Dhananjay told police the apartment residents had earlier admitted Kushal to a rehabilitation centre because of frequent fights and disturbances. He had returned home only a few weeks ago.

According to police, Kushal is unemployed while Bhagyalakshmi's husband, a contractor, left her 15 years ago over alcohol addiction and married another woman. He had given her a few sites, two of which were subsequently sold for the family's liveli-

Man, 85, kills 77-year-old blind wife, hangs himself

Times News Network

Bengaluru: An 85-year-old man allegedly killed his visually and hearing-impaired wife, 77, before ending his life inside their house at an apartment in Chokkanahalli, north Bengaluru.

The two — Sheo Nandan Prasad and Sumitra Devi — were natives of Bihar. The incident came to light in the early hours of Tuesday when the couple's son, Kiran Kumar Kashyap, 58, a retired airman now employed as a senior security supervisor at a private college in Bengaluru, discovered their bodies.

According to the complaint filed by Kashyap, his wife and son had travelled to Bihar to attend a family wedding, while he remained in Bengaluru with his daughter and elderly parents. On the night of June 22, the elderly couple retired to their bedroom as usual after Kashyap served them dinner in their room. The following morning, after preparing breakfast, Kashyap went to his parents' room around 6am and repeatedly called out to them. When there was no response, he broke open the locked door with a hammer. Inside, he found his parents dead. His daughter immediately alerted police.

Kashyap stated that his father had been suffering from heart-related ailments, while his mother was completely blind and deaf. He suspected that his father may have killed his wife by smothering or strangulation, and later died by hanging himself from a window grill using a lungi.

An officer said the deaths are believed to have occurred between 10pm Monday and 6am Tuesday. The autopsy report will reveal whether Sumitra was killed by smothering or strangulation. A case of murder has been registered.

BDA chief: June 27 initiative is part of green movement, not plantation drive

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Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is all set to create a record of sorts by planting a whopping 15 lakh native plant saplings in the tech capital on June 27 by roping in 50,000 volunteers under the Bengaluru Urban Ecological Restoration Misson 2026-30. "This will be the largest greening initiative to be undertaken. If we want future generations to enjoy Bengaluru, we must act now," said BDA chairman **NA Haris**. Excerpts from his interview with **TOI**:

What motivated you to take up such a drive?

▪ The idea emerged during discussions with chief minister DK Shivakumar on the increasing impact of global warming. We felt BDA should contribute something meaningful and long-lasting to Bengaluru. That is how the plantation drive was conceived; we are adopting the Miyawaki method to create dense green cover and make Bengaluru greener for future generations.

How does this plantation drive fit into BDA's vision for the city's future?

▪ This is not just a programme; it is a movement. We want to inspire citizens, companies, NGOs and institutions to take ownership of Bengaluru's environment. The city was once known for its greenery and pleasant climate. It is our responsibility to contribute to improving the city's environmental health. The three BDA layouts offered buffer zones and open areas where plantation drives could be carried out at scale. Altogether, nearly 245 acres have been identified for the initiative. Saplings are also being sourced from neighbouring states, 12 lakh saplings have already reached the designated sites.

What measures are being taken to ensure the saplings survive?

▪ Maintenance is critical. BDA, along with NGOs and corporate partners, will maintain the plantations for three years. Watering arrangements will be provided and the Miyawaki method itself encourages faster growth and higher survival rates because the saplings grow in close proximity and support each other's development.

Why are planting initiatives not being taken up in central Bengaluru?

▪ We are distributing saplings and encouraging plantation activities in central Bengaluru as well. On World Environment Day, nearly 50,000 saplings were distributed. However, a project of this scale requires large parcels of land, which are difficult to find in older parts of the city.

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'Where did ₹5.5k-cr go?' Tejasvi Surya seeks white paper on B'luru roads

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Bengaluru: Calling the city's pothole-ridden roads a glaring example of governance failure, Bangalore South MP **Tejasvi Surya** Tuesday demanded a comprehensive white paper on road infrastructure spending. He questioned how the city continues to grapple with recurring potholes despite spending more than Rs 5,500 crore on road works since 2023.

His remarks come days after govt announced a fresh Rs 2,000-crore package for road repairs across the city.

A day after meeting Krishna Byre Gowda, the new minister for Bengaluru development, Surya launched a sharp attack on govt, accusing it of repeatedly announcing new projects without delivering lasting solutions for Bengaluru's taxpayers.

Releasing a letter submitted to the minister, Surya said Bengaluru, globally recognised as India's technology capital, has also earned the unfortunate reputation of being a "pothole city," with poor road conditions persisting despite successive funding allocations and repair drives.

Listing road-related allocations made since Congress-led govt assumed office in 2023, Surya said more than Rs 5,500 crore had been earmarked or spent on road repairs, resurfacing projects and pothole-filling initiatives. He also cited a report published by **TOI** on July 24, 2025.

Arguing that Bengaluru's recurring pothole problem stems not from a lack of funds but from inadequate transparency, monitoring and accountability, the MP said: "The system will not change by penalising one or two officials or engineers. The need of the hour is systemic and institutional reform."

Demand for dashboard

Pointing out that multiple parastatal agencies are executing infrastructure projects simultaneously across Bengaluru, Surya stressed the need for better coordination through a strengthened Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority. He also called for the creation of a publicly accessible dashboard providing road-wise details of expenditure, contractor information, work timelines, payments released and defect liability periods for all road repair works carried out over the past three years.

MP'S SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE TECH CITY

Metro & public transport: Reduces travel time, increases usage of public transport, reduces no. of private vehicles. Need to fast-track delayed Metro construction

Piped natural gas: Ensure mission-mode implementation of PNG connectivity across Bengaluru with necessary approvals

Waste management: Address garbage crisis by setting up a biogas plant at KCDC, Bommanahalli; review Rs 39,000-crore garbage contract

Affordable housing: Expand affordable rental housing for lower and middle-income families by drawing support from PM Awas Yojana-Urban

Flood resilience: Prevent flooding through drain reform and lake rejuvenation & chalk out comprehensive long-term water security strategy

Enhanced public transport: Double fleet size of BMTC over the years which is operating with 7,000 buses, and operationalisation of BMLTA

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₹5k-cr spent on roads in 2 yrs but potholes back

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Father-daughter duo opens art studio for a peek

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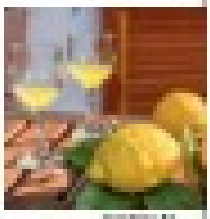

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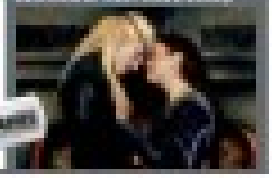

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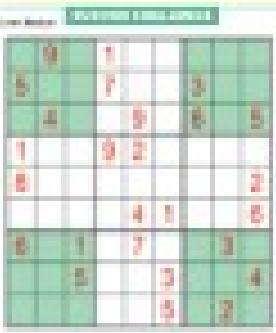

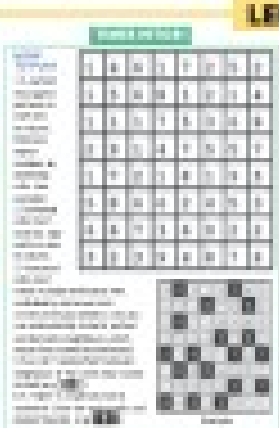

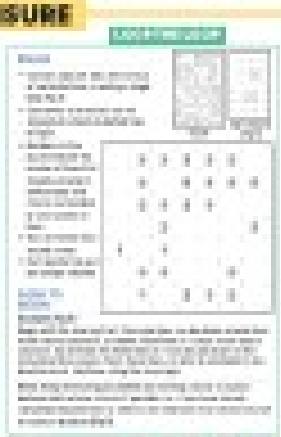

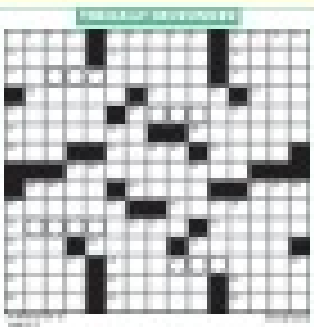

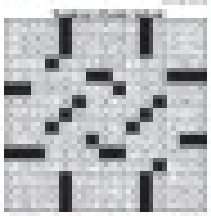

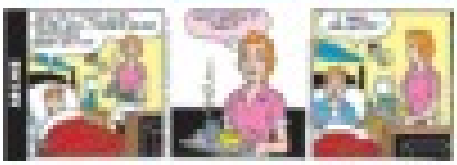

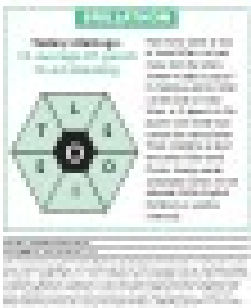

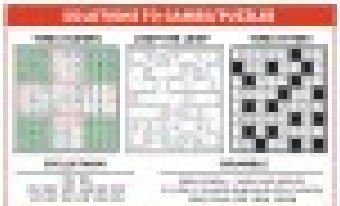

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TRAPPED: Thousands of commuters found themselves stranded on platforms across Purple Line — Majestic, MG Road, Indiranagar, Hoodi & KR Pura — and had to make other travel arrangements

ANGER RUNS ON TRACKS

No network & BMRCL's radio silence

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Bengaluru: With Metro services on Purple Line suddenly coming to a halt Tuesday evening due to a technical snag, hundreds of commuters took to social media to express anger and frustration. Their primary target was BMRCL's lack of communication on the status of services, real-time updates or likely time of resumption.

What should have been a clocklike commute during rush hour descended into chaos around 6.30pm.

Thousands of commuters found themselves stranded on the platforms across Bengaluru's Purple Line — Majestic, MG Road, Indiranagar, Hoodi and KR Pura.

"Just pathetic! It is just a train — how hard is it to handle? Got stuck for more than an hour; eventually, parents had to struggle and get a cab," wrote Yuvaraj on X. Surekha Roy, another commuter, described the chaos at Majestic station. She said: "I've been stuck for 45 minutes with no sign of a train. To make matters worse, there's barely any phone network, leaving commuters stranded and without information."

It was the radio silence on the part of BMRCL that angered passengers, who said the utility acknowledged the snag on social media an hour after the problem halted the services.

Sajith Balagopalan questioned why Metro passengers were left waiting without updates.

"Why is there no SOP to inform passengers when a train is delayed by more than 10 minutes? Explaining the reason can come later. Passengers should at least be alerted about the delay. We waited 30-40 minutes before an official with a walkie-talkie finally informed us. What age are we living in?" he asked.

As the evening progressed, stations became increasingly packed. Eventually, authorities began asking commuters to make alternative transport arrangements.

'With AC on, it's like sitting inside fridge'
Several passengers complained of being hungry and thirsty. "Please arrange food and water. Starving," wrote one commuter in response to BMRCL's social media post. "Standing crammed inside a static train for two hours is physically draining," said Praveen Narayana. AC inside coaches became a point of contention. "It feels like we're sitting inside a refrigerator," said Subhaschandra Hegde on X.

Autorickshaws, cabs fill in
"I got stuck near Nallurhalli. I ended up taking an auto," said Manish Kumar Rai. A surge in demand quickly emptied auto and cab stands near several Metro stations, including MG Road. While absence of BMTC services worsened the situation, ride-hailing app fares seemed to remain normal.

Intercity commuters were worst hit
Disruption hit intercity commuters, who travel to Bengaluru from neighbouring towns for work. "I'm stuck at Indiranagar and am unable to find an auto. I was planning to hop on to Tuticorin Express to reach Hosur," said Lingan, a commuter.

Purple riders kept out
At Majestic, entry was restricted. Only Green Line commuters were permitted. The entry-exit connecting the bus stand and Metro station was also closed for Purple Line users. Many opted to travel as far as possible on the Green Line before switching to autos or cabs.

> I got on the train at 7.15pm and it reached the next station, Indiranagar. After that, the train did not move. Around 8.30pm, we were asked to get off the train and leave the station. I was forced to look for alternatives in a chaotic situation
> **Sowmya G** | PASSENGER TRAVELLING FROM SWAMI VIVEKANANDA ROAD TO KENGERI

> I boarded Metro at 6.35pm from Hoodi station. I was stuck in a packed train at KR Pura for more than an hour. The train eventually moved out of the station but stopped again on the track. We were later told to deboard at Indiranagar as the train would not go any further
> **Aritra Podder Sengupta** | COMMUTER

COMING TO A HALT

6.30pm: Snag force-halts Purple services from Cubbon Park till Magadi Road; not resolved till midnight; elevated-section trains run normally from MG Road to Whitefield and Magadi Road to Challaghatta
8pm: No trains at MG Road; normal services between Indiranagar and Whitefield
9.20pm: No trains between Majestic & MG Rd
Midnight: BMRCL yet to restore services on Purple Line from Whitefield to Challaghatta. It is confident of restoring full-scale services by Wednesday morning

BMRCL: Services may resume today

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The damage to CCD resulted in the train developing operational issues at Cubbon Park station.

BMRCL chief public relations officer BL Yeshwanth Chavan said senior operations and maintenance personnel were immediately rushed to the site to restore services. "Power supply to the affected section had to be switched off to facilitate repair works. All safety checks will be conducted before operations resume. We expect services to return to normal Wednesday," he said.

With services suspended in the underground, BMRCL operated trains only on the two elevated sections of Purple Line — between Whitefield (Kadugodi) and Indiranagar; and between Challaghatta and Magadi Road. A senior BMTC official said additional buses were deployed between MG Road and Majestic. "We also deployed Sarathi staff to facilitate passenger movement."

HC clears missing dogs probe, but protects DRDO officials

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: The high court Tuesday allowed police to continue investigating the disappearance of 21 stray dogs from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) campus in Bengaluru in March.

At the same time, the high court directed that no harassment or coercive action be taken against two DRDO officials — estate officer Rajesh Kumar Sahu and cleaning supervisor TG Sudhakar — named in an FIR registered by Mahadevapura police. The FIR was filed based on a complaint filed by Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC), invoking provisions of BNS and Section 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Appearing for DRDO officials, additional solicitor general Aravind Kamath argued that the offences invoked in the FIR, including furnishing false information, mischief by killing or maiming an animal, and public nuisance and criminal conspiracy, could not be connected to the petitioners. He described the allegations as "preposterous".

Opposing the plea, advocate Vasihali Hegde, appearing for BECC, argued that access to DRDO campus is controlled and no one can enter without permission. She submitted that the circumstances under which the dogs disappeared and their current whereabouts required investigation.

The state public prosecutor also contended that a probe was necessary to determine what happened to the 21 dogs that were last seen inside DRDO campus.

After hearing both the parties, Justice M Nagaprasanna observed that investigation should be permitted to continue in respect of the offences that genuinely warranted a probe. "The petitioners, who are estate officers of DRDO, shall not be harassed nor coercive steps taken against them on whatsoever ground. But, they will cooperate with the investigation in helping the prosecution arrive at the truth," the judge said.

The court also directed police to complete the probe within six weeks. It further said the investigation report, or chargesheet, should be placed before the high court before it is filed before the jurisdictional court.

The matter has been posted for further hearing on Aug 11.

Educationists' collective alleges saffronisation in NCERT Kannada book

WHAT ARE ACTIVISTS DEMANDING

- According to Kannada Education Act 2015, Kannada should be taught as a compulsory first and second language in CBSE schools. There are already Savi Kannada, Siri Kannada and Tili Kannada books. Tili Kannada should be used as R3
- CBSE's order to use the same text for class 6 and 9 from this year itself should be withdrawn
- Why DSERT, which is responsible for curriculum development in Karnataka, is not involved in this work
- The lesson on 'balanced food' should be reprinted with a picture reference of eggs, fish and meat
- Name of the book should be changed to a name that suits the identity of Kannada

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A collective of educationists and activists, called People's Alliance for the Fundamental Right to Education, has slammed NCERT's new Kannada third-language textbook for class 6. The collective alleged that the book is saffronising education, pushing mythology, religion and vegetarianism and fails to capture the diversity of Karnataka.

This is the class 6 book that is being used in CBSE schools. As per the new language policy of CBSE, it will be used for class 9 as well.

The collective has objected to the book being called Krishna. "After the implementation of National Education Policy 2020, the trend of using religion and mythology as part of the Indian knowledge system has begun. If not for saffronisation, why else would they call textbooks Krishna or Mridula," asked Niranjanaradhya VP, educationist and chief convener of the collective.

The identity of Karnataka lies in the ideologies of Pampa, Kuvempu, Karantha, Basavanna. "But NCERT chose Krishna. It is condemnable that NCERT has moved towards religion politics, leaving aside ideological culturalism," he said.

They also allege that there are no lessons that reflect the cultural and social diversity of Karnataka. The folklore, literature and life of coastal, northern Karnataka, Malnad and old Mysore regions are missing. "It is dangerous to use books as a weapon for political and cultural oppression," the collective said, while pointing out that the narration has a preachy tone.

"In the chapter 'health is wealth', sattvic food is being promoted, the collective said. "Writing only vegetarian food is balanced is politicising children's food plates," it said.

NEET candidate missed cut-off as he started late from home: Cops

Bengaluru: Police denied claims that traffic congestion caused by a political party event prevented a NEET aspirant from reaching the examination centre on time.

Issuing a clarification, police said they reconstructed the candidate's movements on the day of the examination by using CCTV footage, route analysis and interactions with the candidate and parents. The fact-check analysis showed the candidate left home in RT Nagar at 12.57pm, just 33 minutes before the 1.30pm cut-off time for entry into the examination centre.

The candidate reached the examination centre at 1.33pm, three minutes after the deadline, and was denied entry. Police claimed the candidate chose a longer travel route, despite the availability of quicker alternatives. Investigators further noted that traffic conditions across the city remained largely normal, with no significant congestion linked to the public event that was being blamed for the delay.

Home minister Priyank Kharge Sunday clarified that three candidates missed the exam in Bengaluru. One student carried an old hall ticket, while another student from Magadi could not get a bus on time. TNN

METRO WRAP

Official suspended over illegal A-khatas

Bengaluru: Bengaluru West City Corporation (BWCC) suspended assistant revenue officer KS Manjula for allegedly issuing A-khatas to more than 50 properties in an unauthorised layout spread across four acres in Herohalli village, Bengaluru North taluk. According to the suspension order, the property's electronic property identification number (EPID) was illegally linked to that of another property while issuing the khatas. The land was also the subject of litigation, with the city civil court having ordered that status quo be maintained.

Student, 19, electrocuted while plucking coconuts

A 19-year-old student was electrocuted when the fibre stick he used to pluck tender coconuts accidentally touched a live wire on his family's agricultural land at Kunaghatta in Gubbi, Tumakuru district, Tuesday. The victim is K Preetam, who completed PU from a Tumakuru college. His father, Shivaramaiah, a farmer, told police Preetam fixed a sickle to the fibre stick to pluck the coconuts. "Unfortunately, the stick shook as Preetam raised it and touched the wire," Shivaramaiah said in his complaint.

Avoid Old Airport Road, ORR this evening

Traffic police requested commuters to avoid Old Airport Road and Outer Ring Road from Marathahalli bridge to Kadubeesanahalli junction between 3pm and 7pm Wednesday in view of Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath's visit. Police warned commuters that VIP movement on this stretch could affect traffic and prohibited parking on both sides of these roads.

Prakash Raj's name on rolls in Karnataka, TN & Telangana

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According to court records, this is the third NBW issued against the actor after he failed to appear despite repeated summons and warrants.

The case pertains to allegations that, apart from being enrolled as a voter in Bengaluru's Shantinagar assembly constituency, Prakash Raj's name also figured on electoral rolls in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Serilingampally in Telangana.

The complainant alleged that despite approaching police in 2019, no action was taken, prompting him to move court in 2023.

The court took cognizance of the matter on Aug 1, 2025, for offences under Sections 31 and 125A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and issued summons to the actor.

After summons issued in Feb 2026 could not be served as the actor was reportedly not residing at the address provided, the court issued its first NBW on March 17.

The warrant was re-issued in April and June after the actor failed to appear.

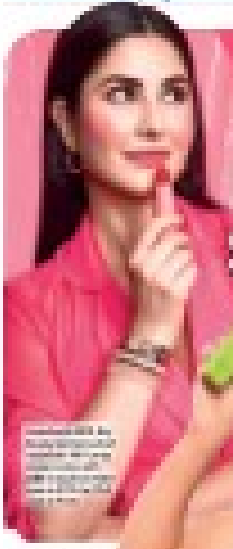
Student found dead in hostel

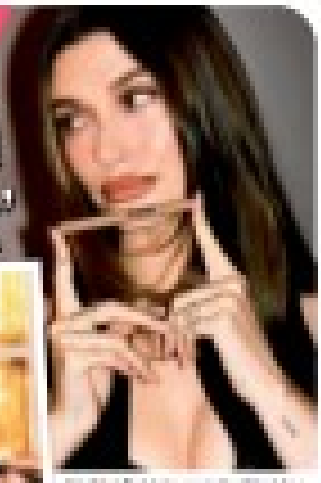
Bengaluru: A 23-year-old engineering student died by suicide inside his hostel room in Tumakuru Monday night. The deceased is GE Venkatesh, a third-semester engineering student with SIT College and native of Davanagere.

He lived in the BCM hostel at Upparahalli, where he was found hanging, police said. "We recovered a death note left behind by Venkatesh and addressed to his family, saying he wished to see everyone living together. It looks like he was upset over some family-related issues," a cop said. TNN

Is a celebrity face enough for already-loved brands or do it? Kabina Kaif's beautiful new face deserves brand research to produce and positioning and worked by founder-beloved of Hailey Bieber, Kylie Jenner and Rihanna. Can other Indian celebrities replicate their playbook?

'Celebrity isn't always a sustainable brand asset'





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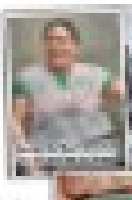

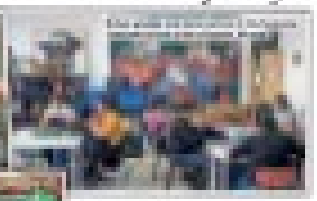

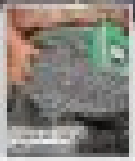

BJP committee zeroes in on four 'suspects' in cross-voting fiasco

Panel Chief Admits It Still Is Only A Suspicion

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File picture

GRIM BUSINESS: BY Vijayendra said Nitin Nabin made it clear that those who "betrayed" the party would face action

Bengaluru/New Delhi: BJP's fact-finding committee, which is investigating the cross-voting fiasco during last week's legislative council elections, has identified four "suspects", CT Ravi, party MLC, said Tuesday.

A dozen NDA MLAs are suspected of either cross-voting or casting invalid votes during the secret ballot. Ravi, who heads the three-member committee, said an interim report has been submitted to BY Vijayendra, state BJP president. "While we cannot categorically say these are people who cross-voted, our findings suggest that these 12 legislators are most likely to have cross-voted. Of these, four are from BJP (one invalidated), and the rest are from JD(S)," Ravi said.

He said the panel's investigation is still ongoing, and a final report would take time since members were examining more inputs and details.

State brass meet Nabin

The disclosure came on a day Vijayendra, leader of opposition R Ashoka and MLC N Ravi Kumar met BJP national president Nitin Nabin in New Delhi to brief him on the election setback.

Earlier in the day, Nabin questioned the Karnataka leadership on whether it had anticipated the rebellion and what measures were taken to prevent it. He is also learnt to have sought details of consultations held with legislators ahead of polling. State brass told him that meetings were held late into the night prior to the election and again on polling day.

Sources say Nabin also sought details on the progress of the inquiry. The Karnataka unit informed him that it had gathered preliminary inputs and would submit a comprehensive report after completing the exercise. "Nabin told the delegation that it should continue with its fact-finding mission and submit a report while he and national brass will also conduct an independent investigation into the issue," sources said.

Vijayendra later said Nabin had emphasised that those who "betrayed" the party would face action. He said Nabin also suggested measures to strengthen party organisation in Karnataka.

Ashoka said central brass already has "certain information" about those involved and that suitable action would be taken at the appropriate time.

JD(S) stakes claim to Hiriyur bypoll

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Bengaluru: After staying out of the recent Davanagere South and Bagalkot bypolls, JD(S) has stepped up efforts to contest the upcoming Hiriyur assembly byelection and is set to seek the seat from ally BJP. The seat fell vacant following the death of minister D Sudhakar of Congress.

At a recent meeting, party functionaries from Chitradurga district and Hiriyur urged Union minister and JD(S) state president **HD Kumaraswamy** to secure the seat for the party.

Kumaraswamy has formed a committee to evaluate the party's strength in the constituency and the winnability of ticket aspirants. The panel is expected to submit its report soon. Sources say Kumaraswamy told local functionaries that he will take up the matter with BJP's high command and state brass — if reports say the regional outfit has a realistic chance of victory.

JD(S) also faces internal wrangling with three members — D Yashodhara, who contested twice in the past, M Ravindrappa, who finished third in the 2023 polls, and G Jayaramaiah — in contention for the party ticket.

SL Bhojegowda, MLC, admitted: "There are multiple groups within JD(S) in Hiriyur. Some have been with JD(S) for a long time, while others joined recently and are demanding the ticket. We will resolve these issues and identify a consensus candidate."

JD(S) core committee chairman M Krishna Reddy said the party expects BJP to reciprocate support. "We supported BJP in the two recent bypolls, so we expect their support for the Hiriyur byelection. However, no final decision has been taken yet," he said.

Meanwhile, Sudhakar's son Suhas has begun meeting party workers amid speculation that Congress may field him. Former Hiriyur MLA Poornima Srinivas is also in the race for the ticket.

BIDADI TOWNSHIP

7,481 acres Total proposed project area

₹18,000–20,000 cr Expected investment

499 acres in 3 villages Initial land acquisition

Location: Near Bidadi in Bengaluru South–Ramanagara

Why K'taka's biggest urban project has become a major political battleground

The Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT), known better as the Bidadi township project, has emerged as one of the most debated development initiatives. While the govt projects it as a transformative expansion plan for Bengaluru, farmer groups, BJP and JD(S) have mounted strong opposition, turning it into a major political issue, analyses **Manu Aiyappa Kanathanda**

What is the project about?

- GBIT is a proposed urban development project near Bidadi in the Bengaluru South–Ramanagara corridor
- The govt envisages it as a self-sustaining city with residential, commercial, educational, healthcare, industrial and technology zones
- Chief minister DK Shivakumar has described it as a "futuristic urban centre" and "India's first AI City"

Why are farmers protesting?

- Farmers say fertile agricultural land that supports their livelihoods is being acquired
- Many had filed objections after preliminary notifications and expected revisions to the proposal, but claim their concerns were unaddressed
- Govt says it examined objections and drew up substantial compensation packages, including monetary benefits and, in some cases, developed land
- Farmers argue compensation cannot replace productive farmland and long-term income

Why has it become controversial?

- The project has triggered a political slugfest between the Congress govt and the combined BJP-JD(S) opposition
- Opposition members cite farmer concerns, while govt says the project is vital for long-term growth
- The dispute has moved beyond infrastructure development and become a battle for public opinion in a region that is electorally significant

Why are BJP and JD(S) investing political capital now?

- Bidadi lies in a Vokkaliga-dominated belt and is a traditional stronghold of JD(S)
- For JD(S), opposing the project reinforces its image as a protector of farmer interests
- For BJP, backing the agitation strengthens its alliance with JD(S) and helps it expand its reach in Old Mysuru
- For Congress, the township is tied to DK Shivakumar's development vision

What is at stake and what happens next?

- If implemented successfully, the township could become a major development achievement for Congress party and its govt
- However, prolonged farmer protests, legal challenges or concerns over consultation could hurt the project
- Immediate focus is on proposed discussions between chief minister Shivakumar and HD Kumaraswamy
- The project's future will depend on negotiations, legal developments, and govt's ability to build public confidence

Priyank stirs pot with relentless campaign vs RSS

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Bengaluru: Home and IT-BT minister Priyank Kharge's sustained offensive against the century-old Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has ignited a fierce political debate across the country.

It began with his open letter to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat demanding details on the organisation's legal status, registration, funding sources, and institutional accountability. While Bhagwat asserted RSS operates transparently, in full public glare and without state funding and dismissed the inquiry as a politically motivated stunt, the confrontation has polarised the state's political scene.

Senior Congress functionaries and strategists have strongly backed Priyank's assertive stance, viewing it as a deliberate effort to neutralise any perception of soft-Hindutva within the party while consolidating its core secular vote bank.

Given Priyank's influential ministerial position alongside his stature as the son of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, his actions carry significant political heft. The strategy effectively presents a template for how the party might engage with ideological adversaries in other regions, using executive authority to enforce structural accountability.

File picture

MARCHING ON: The strategy suggests a template for how Congress might engage with ideological adversaries elsewhere

New administrative model

This is not Priyank's first direct confrontation with RSS. During the organisation's nationwide centenary route marches last year, Priyank — then serving as the IT-BT and RDPR minister in the previous Siddaramaiah cabinet — successfully pushed for stringent legal compliance. Under his influence, the administration mandated that RSS secure explicit state permission, accept caps on participant numbers, and strictly adhere to govt designated routes. This policy shift laid the groundwork for an administrative model where non-state actors must clear specific regulatory thresholds before using public spaces.

The standoff peaked in Priyank's home constituency of Chittapur in Kalaburagi district. Local authorities initially denied permission for a centenary march, and although the Karnataka high court eventually permitted the march under strict riders, Priyank claimed a tactical victory, noting it was the first time RSS was legally compelled to seek state approval and operate within constitutional bounds.

Sources suggest this unrelenting approach against the Sangh Parivar heavily influenced his elevation to the high-profile home portfolio.

Well-calibrated manoeuver

Political analysts interpret the campaign as a well-calibrated manoeuver to sharpen Congress party's ideological identity, allowing it to define the terms of political engagement ahead of future electoral battles. By directly challenging RSS, Priyank has positioned himself as one of the party's foremost ideological voices against the Sangh Parivar, effectively elevating his political profile beyond state lines.

Predictably, BJP has hit back, terming the campaign a diversionary tactic to mask governance deficits. BJP spokesperson Mohan Krishna even accused the minister of manufacturing controversy for partisan and political gains, while MP Ramesh Jigajinagi asked "why a Dalit man" needs to be concerned about RSS.

K Sudhakar, another MP, alleged Priyank's national ideological posturing is primarily designed to burnish his credentials with Congress' high command.

Some political commentators also view the development as the emergence of a new-generation Congressmen eager to engage in direct ideological combat that provides party cadres with a potent rallying point.

Home minister again demands documents

Home minister **Priyank Kharge** reiterated his demand that RSS furnish documents related to its establishment and financial transactions, warning that he could pursue legal action if he didn't receive a satisfactory response. A week after raising the issue, Priyank said the century-old organisation should have records available at its Nagpur headquarters, Bengaluru's Keshava Krupa office or with office bearers. "They are patriots with 100 years of history. They must have documents somewhere," he said. Dismissing concerns over the delay, Priyank said the RSS should be given time to respond.

Caste certificates put on fast track

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Bengaluru: The revenue department will soon authorise assistant commissioners (ACs) to process applications for caste certificates on priority for cases involving medical emergencies and urgent educational or employment requirements. The move is aimed at helping students and job aspirants facing delays.

The decision comes amid complaints that applicants were struggling to secure certificates in time for school and college admissions because of delays at Atal Jana Snehi Kendra (AJSK) centres. In a circular, the govt also extended the service to members of nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes. It said caste certificates issued to them will have lifetime validity.

AJSKs handle more than 50 citizen services on a first-in-first-out (Fifo) basis, resulting in applicants often facing delays. Until now, requests for priority processing were handled by assistant deputy commissioner (ADC)-rank officers. Each exception required scrutiny and documentation, resulting in additional delays.

Deputy chief minister and revenue minister G Parameshwara said: "We must issue certificates as early as possible to students and job aspirants, as well as those who need them urgently for medical treatment. So, we decided to authorise ACs to process applications seeking FIFO exceptions. We will issue a formal order soon."

Congress hits back at HDK

The row over the proposed Bidadi township project continued, with deputy CM G Parameshwara accusing Union minister HD Kumaraswamy of JD(S) of politicising the issue instead of offering constructive suggestions. Parameshwara said the govt has no intention of displacing farmers and is working to address their concerns. "A future course of action will be decided collectively," he said. HC Balakrishna, Congress MLA, alleged political motives to the JD(S) campaign and asked why Kumaraswamy and his son Nikhil were protesting only in Bidadi when land acquisition was ongoing in Sarjapur, Chikkaballapur, Jangamakote, Doddaballapur and Hassan.

DKS pays last respects to seer

CM DK Shivakumar paid his last respects to Sri Mummadi Nirvana Swamiji of Kanakapura Degula Mutt, who passed away Monday, and recalled his family's long-standing spiritual association with the mutt. Offering floral tributes to the seer's mortal remains, Shivakumar said his family shared a deep bond with the Shivagiri spiritual tradition. "My mother often tells me that although I was originally named Kempegowda, I was later named Shivakumar due to the blessings of the Shivagiri spiritual tradition," he said.

Man, 70, dies after police questioning

Yadgir: A 70-year-old man died under suspicious circumstances after being summoned to a police station for questioning in connection with a land dispute, sparking allegations of police assault and demands for an independent probe.

Rajesab Valikar of Karikal village in Hunasagi taluk was called to Narayanpur police station Monday following a complaint related to a land dispute. According to his relatives, he was allegedly assaulted by ASI Sangappa during questioning. They claimed the man fell ill and collapsed shortly after the incident.

Police rushed him to hospital, where doctors reportedly declared him dead. The death triggered outrage among family members and villagers, who gathered outside the hospital and police station, demanding action. The police department is yet to issue a statement on the allegations. TNN

HC says MV Act beneficial law, upholds KSRTC relief

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: The high court has upheld the relief awarded to the family of a man who died in an accident involving a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus, observing that compensation claims under Motor Vehicles Act should not be assessed using the strict standards of proof followed in criminal cases.

A division bench of Justices Jayant Banerji and Tara Vitasta Ganju made the observation while partly allowing an appeal filed by KSRTC against an award passed by Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT), Mangaluru. "The MV Act is a beneficial legislation and the claimant is not required to prove beyond reasonable doubt as to his employment," the court said, citing a Supreme Court ruling that tribunals must focus on awarding just and fair compensation rather than applying criminal-law standards of evidence. The case relates to an accident that took place on April 4, 2016. KJ Sushanth Rai, 31, was riding his motorcycle from Bantwal Cross Road towards Belthangady when he reached Jakribettu. According to the claim petition, a KSRTC bus coming from the opposite direction attempted to overtake another vehicle, moved onto the wrong side of the road and collided with Rai's motorcycle. Rai sustained serious injuries and died while being shifted to hospital.

His wife and minor sons later approached MACT seeking compensation. They stated that Rai was employed with a private company and earned Rs 18,000 a month. On March 3, 2020, the tribunal awarded a compensation of Rs 22.4 lakh with 6% annual interest, relying on a salary certificate and testimony of Gangadhara Shetty, a partner in the company where Rai worked.

KSRTC challenged the award, arguing that salary certificate shouldn't have been accepted because the employer had failed to produce documents proving he was running the business. It also contended that the tribunal had granted compensation under both "loss of love and affection" and "loss of consortium" categories, resulting in duplication.

The high court rejected KSRTC's objections regarding proof of income. It noted that salary certificate was issued on the company's letterhead and signed by Shetty, who also appeared before the tribunal and testified about Rai's salary. "Under these circumstances, this court finds no reason to interfere with the findings of the tribunal," the bench observed.

However, the court agreed with KSRTC that compensation was awarded twice for overlapping claims. It held that the amount awarded under "loss of love and affection" should be included within compensation granted for "loss of consortium". As a result, the relief was reduced from Rs 22.4 lakh to Rs 20.9 lakh.

Court notice to state govt on SC sub-classification plea

Bengaluru: The high court Tuesday ordered notice to state govt in response to a petition filed by Confederation of Untouchable Nomadic Communities of Karnataka and others. Justice Suraj Govindaraj directed the respondents to file their responses.

The petitioners challenged the May 8 internal reservation notification, claiming that most backward untouchables were bracketed in category C by providing only 4.5% reservation as against 5.25% granted to other dominant castes under Scheduled Castes category in both Groups A and B.

According to the petitioners, the govt order is illegal, arbitrary and also violates Articles 14, 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution.

The state govt issued the May 8, 2026, order despite the fact that the earlier notification on the same issue, issued on Aug 25, 2025, is pending before high court.

The May 8 order perpetuates the same defects and proceeds on an arbitrary basis since the govt undertook sub-classification within Scheduled Castes without establishing any objective, rational or scientifically ascertainable criteria regarding inter se backwardness among the constituent communities.

The petitioners argued that, without any evidence or valid basis, the govt has unfairly divided Scheduled Castes into different categories. They said this creates discrimination among communities that are similarly placed, violating the constitutional goal of ensuring reservation benefits are distributed fairly, especially to the most disadvantaged groups. The petitioners, therefore, sought high court's intervention. TNN

Terror suspect held in D'gere

Davanagere: Police in Davanagere Tuesday arrested a suspected terrorist who was working at a factory in Harihar taluk , based on leads provided by suspects arrested in Tumakuru on June 4.

The accused, Suhail, 20, from Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh, was employed as a painter at the factory. Acting on directions from National Investigation Agency, district police conducted an early-morning operation and detained him. He was handed over to Tumakuru police. According to sources, information linked to suspected terror activities was found on the accused's WhatsApp account. TNN

KPTCL to replace mineral oil with ester oil in transformers

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Bengaluru: As climate concerns increasingly influence infrastructure planning worldwide, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken a noteworthy step towards greening its transmission network. Away from the spotlight, the utility recently conducted a pilot project at its 110 kV substation in Gangavathi, Koppal district, replacing conventional mineral oil with biodegradable natural ester oil in a high-voltage power transformer.

The experiment marks the beginning of what could become a silent green revolution in Karnataka's electricity sector. If scaled up, the initiative could gradually reduce the transmission network's dependence on petroleum-based transformer oils, making it cleaner, safer and more sustainable.

Sources in KPTCL told **TOI** that for nearly a century, transformers powering Karnataka's homes, industries and cities have largely relied on petroleum-based mineral oil. "The move is aimed at enhancing grid safety, reducing environmental risks and extending the operational life of critical transmission assets while supporting Karnataka's broader commitment to sustainable energy infrastructure," said a senior technical officer at KPTCL.

KPTCL currently operates 3,754 transformers across substations in Karnataka. As part of its efforts to modernise infrastructure and meet rising electricity demand, the utility has identified 45 high-voltage transformers across the state, including the one at Gangavathi, for conversion from mineral oil to natural ester oil.

ECO-FRIENDLY MOVE

Workers replace petroleum-based mineral oil in high-voltage electric transformers with natural ester oil at 110 kV substation in Gangavathi of Koppal district

"Rather than replacing ageing transformers and incurring huge capital expenditure, KPTCL has adopted a cost-effective approach by upgrading existing transformers that are over 15 years old with this eco-friendly initiative, thereby improving their performance and extending their service life," the officer added.

Ram Prasath Manohar, managing director, KPTCL, said: "This green initiative is expected to enhance thermal efficiency of ageing grid assets while significantly reducing environmental risks associated with petroleum-based transformer oils. Natural ester oil, derived from vegetable sources, offer several advantages over traditional mineral oil — a derivative of petroleum products. It is fully biodegradable and has higher fire point, providing for superior thermal performance and making it particularly suitable for densely populated urban areas and remote substations where operational safety is critical."

Energy and tourism minister KJ George said it will reduce the environmental risks associated with pollution-causing petroleum-based products. "By introducing biodegradable natural ester oil, KPTCL has demonstrated a significant technological milestone," he added.

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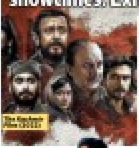

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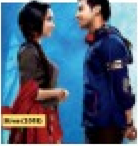

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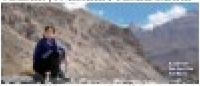

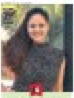

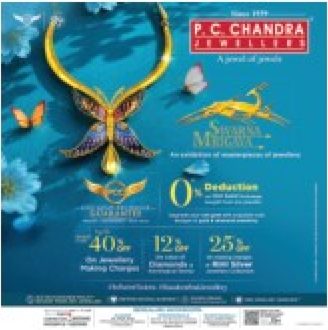

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JAISHANKAR VISITS CONSTRUCTION SITE OF INDIA-FUNDED REFINERY IN MONGOLIA

HACK OF THE DAY — **HOW TO BLOCK SIM-SWAP FRAUD EVEN BEFORE IT HAPPENS**

WHAT IT SOLVES: Fraudsters can port your number and steal OTP access for banking apps

WHAT TO DO: Set a SIM PIN and monitor sudden network loss or porting alerts

STEPS:

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2. Set a hard-to-guess SIM PIN to avoid fraud
3. Keep bank alerts on your email too
4. Call telecom support if there's no signal
5. Report suspicious porting quickly to telecom operator

NOTE: A SIM PIN protects the card; but use phone screen lock and bank alerts too

SCAN FOR MORE HACKS

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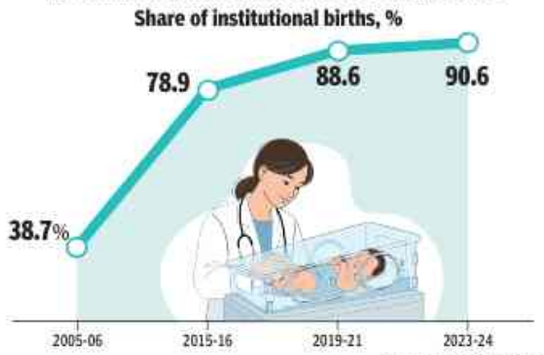
'Meat & liquor party' on Ganga, 5 held

Three months after 14 Muslim youths were arrested in Varanasi for allegedly organising an iftar on a boat in the Ganga and dumping non-veg waste into the waters, five people were held Tuesday after a video purportedly showed a group cooking meat and drinking liquor on a vessel in the river. Deepak Kumar, Ajay Sahni, Arun Kumar Sahni, Anurag Nishad and Rahul Sahni have been booked under BNS Sections 196 and 299. All are residents of Varanasi and neighbouring Ramnagar. The controversy erupted after videos of the boat party near Manmandir Ghat went viral. A message accompanying the video claimed the boat was linked to a "nominated BJP councillor". Police seized the boat and are probing its ownership and use. Earlier, 14 Muslim youths were arrested on March 17 and charged under similar sections. While a sessions court denied them bail, saying they appeared to have intended to disturb social harmony. But last month, Allahabad HC granted them while observing that their act had hurt the sentiments of the Hindu community. TNN

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers

9 in 10 births now happen in health facilities

In 2005-06, fewer than four in 10 births happened in health facilities. By 2023-24, the figure had crossed 90%, giving more mothers and newborns access to trained care



GE sends AI 171 engine analysis, final AAIB report likely in 2 mths

All Eyes Now On Bureau: Can It Pinpoint Exact Cause Of Crash?

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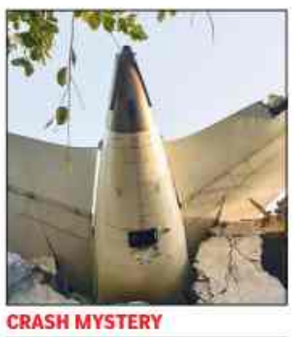
New Delhi: American major GE Aerospace has sent the engine analysis reports of Air India's ill-fated Boeing 787 Dreamliner, which crashed last June 12 in Ahmedabad. This was among the crucial inputs awaited by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) for preparing the final report on the AI-171 crash that left 260 people dead.

"The engines were sent to the US for analysis by GE, and their reports are in. All inputs awaited have been received now. The AAIB will now analyse all factors, do the sequencing and the final report should be out in about two months," said a person in the know.

Now, all eyes are on the AAIB to see if it can pinpoint what exactly caused the crash. The report is going to be scrutinised very closely globally and could also be challenged in courts across multiple countries.

"What we know is that the engines had stopped owing to fuel supply cut. What we don't know is why this happened. Air accident investigations have to eliminate all probabilities and zero in on what could have happened. What the final report should definitely not do is resort to obliquely blaming someone or something if the exact cause is not zeroed in on," said an expert who has been probing air accidents for decades.



CRASH MYSTERY

This expectation stems from a controversial line in AAIB's first prelim report issued last July. It read: "In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why he cutoff. The other pilot responded that he did not do so." AAIB had to defend itself a lot after a furore over the first prelim report.

Senior investigators say the engine report will likely be on expected lines — that there was nothing wrong with them and that they stopped after being starved of fuel for some reason, which is not yet known.

"It will be lazy and easy to blame the dead pilot who can't defend himself. The AAIB report has to have a very solid reason to say what it does in the final report. Whether they have the technical capacity for a probe of this dimension will be known soon," said another experienced investigator.

The first prelim report said "engine 1 and engine 2 fuel cutoff switches transitioned from RUN to CUTOFF position one after the other with a time gap of 01 sec(ond)", causing the aircraft to rapidly lose altitude.

Setback for Nirav, UK court holds he owes BoI ₹100cr

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London: A London HC judge ruled in Bank of India's favour Tuesday, holding that fugitive diamond businessman **Nirav Modi** does owe the public sector bank over $10.7 million (a little over Rs 100 crore).

Simon Tinkler handed down judgment in the London circuit commercial court Tuesday, saying: "Mr Modi is liable under the personal guarantee to the bank for the principal amount due of $4.1 million (approximately Rs 38.9 crore). The interest calculated on the basis set out by the bank is to be added. Mr Modi has not provided any defence to explain why the bank was not entitled to that sum."

Nirav, who remains in a London jail fighting extradition to India, had argued at trial that the guarantee was unenforceable, that he had never received valid demands from the bank, and no material adverse effect justified the loan being terminated.

Bank of India had lent money to Nirav's Dubai-based company Firestar Diamond FZE in 2012, with Nirav providing a personal guarantee in 2013. After the alleged Punjab National Bank fraud surfaced in 2018, the bank called in the loan and sent demands to Firestar and Nirav, which went unanswered.

On March 8, 2024 Bank of India obtained summary judgment for the principle sum of $4.1 million plus interest. The bank served a further demand on Nirav in Oct 2025.

Tinkler said it was reasonable to infer that the alleged PNB fraud had materially and negatively affected the Firestar Group and substantially impaired the value of Nirav's guarantees. He cited Nirav's Feb 17, 2018 email saying search and seizure operations had caused key Firestar companies to effectively cease being going concerns and jeopardised the group's ability to repay banks.

Nirav denied receiving the April 2018 and Oct 2025 demands, but Tinkler said he was satisfied both had been delivered and found the guarantee enforceable.

Land in Raj tiger reserve core area sold, illegality discovered 2 yrs later

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Jaipur: More than three acres of land within the core area of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR), Rajasthan, was allegedly sold and registered to a private individual in 2024, apparently without the forest department's knowledge.

The illegality surfaced 10 days ago — one-and-a-half years after the sale — when the private owner approached the administration for permission to develop the property as farmland and build a farmhouse. The proposal was rejected after a document verification revealed that the plot lay within core tiger territory, an official source said.

SANCTUARY LAND SALE

Documents accessed by **TOI** showed that over 3.4 hectares in Khasra No. 905, in Dhaneshwar village within the notified boundary of Jawahar Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary and MHTR's Ambarani block, had been registered through a sale deed.

MHTR deputy conservator of forests subsequently wrote to the district collector, seeking action against the alleged illegal buy, sale, and registration of the land. The letter stated that the land lay within the sanctuary boundary, covered by Section 20 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, which barred the creation of new land rights after an area was notified as a sanctuary under Section 18. Such rights could pass only through inheritance or succession, rendering any sale/purchase prohibited.

Kota district administration directed Talera SDO and tehsildar to conduct an inquiry and submit a report to the collector, an official said.

"Three tigers currently move through the area where the plot is located. Action should be taken against officials who allegedly facilitated the sale of sanctuary land," said environmental lawyer Tapeshwar Singh Bhati.

Truck crashes into bus stop, kills 3 people

Thiruvananthapuram: Three people, including a 15-year-old boy, were killed and five others injured after a sand-laden tipper truck ploughed into a bus stop in Kerala's Kollam early Tuesday. Eyewitnesses said the speeding truck suddenly veered off the road before crashing into the bus stop in Neeleswaram area around 7am, leaving people with little time to escape. Three of the injured are critical.

The bus shelter was destroyed and several victims were thrown onto the road. Locals rescued those trapped beneath the debris before emergency crews arrived. The truck driver was among the wounded. Police officials are examining whether speeding, mechanical failure or driver negligence led to the crash. TNN

Bengal inks midday-meal deal with Iskcon, no eggs in menu

Kolkata: Around a lakh children across state-run schools in Kolkata will stop getting eggs in their midday meals under the Bengal govt's new PM Poshan catering arrangement with Iskcon, which serves only vegetarian food, reports **Poulami Banerjee**.

The Mayapur-headquartered religious organisation's Annamrita Foundation, which has served midday meals across eight states and 22 cities since 2004, will cook for students up to Class VIII in more than 1,800 primary and upper primary schools in the city. CM Suvendu Adhikari said after Monday's state budget announcement about the tie-up that the idea was to serve high-quality food to schoolchildren.

Iskcon vice-president and spokesperson Radharamn Das told **TOI** the new menu would be nutritious despite eggs being dropped from the menu.

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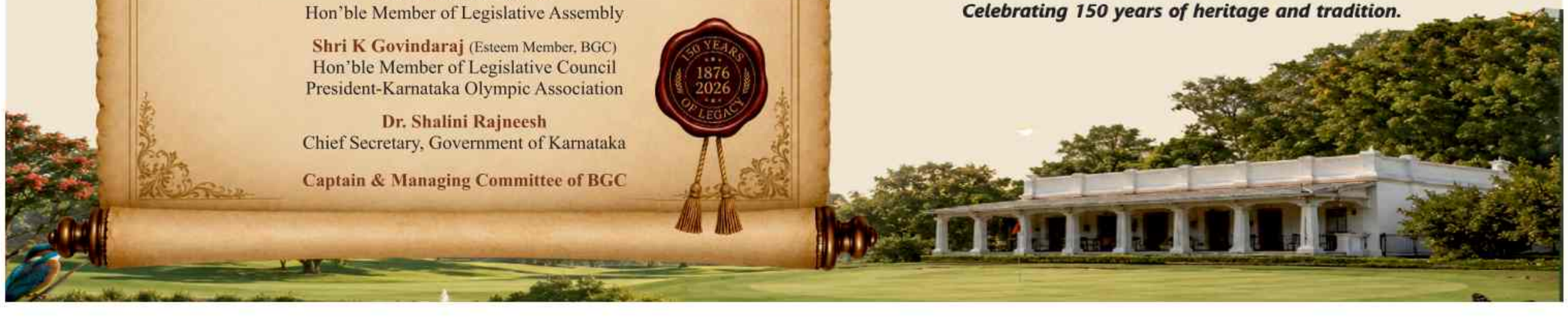

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BMW X1 sDrive 18d M Sport	2025	Diesel	Space Silver	7,637	₹51,00,000
BMW X1 sDrive 18i M Sport	2025	Petrol	Alpine White	4,317	₹52,00,000
BMW X1 sDrive 20d	2018	Diesel	Mediterranean Blue	21,767	₹25,00,000
BMW X1 sDrive 20d	2018	Diesel	Sparkling Brown	33,868	₹25,00,000
BMW 6 Series Gran Turismo 630i LCI M Sport 50 Jahre M Edition	2023	Petrol	Carbon Black	38,265	₹60,00,000

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>
> ~ **Narendra Modi,** Prime Minister

12 YEARS BY THE NUMBERS

1,668 MMT
Total cargo handled at Indian ports, a **59%** rise from 1,052 MMT

2,818 MMT
Total port capacity, an **81%** rise from 1,561 MMT

218 MMT
Cargo on national waterways, a **652%** rise from just 29 MMT

3.23 LAKH
Indian seafarers deployed globally, up **155%** from 1.27 lakh. Women seafarers grew **340%**

₹26,583 CR
Major port annual revenue, up **126%** from ₹11,760 Cr

India — World No. 1 in Ship Recycling
Maritime India Vision 2030 target achieved five years ahead of schedule

PILLARS OF TRANSFORMATION

PORTS
BIGGER & SMARTER

- **₹15,000 Cr** Annual maritime CAPEX, up 362% since 2014.
- PPP investment alone surged 836% to **₹8,000 Cr.**
- Coastal cargo more than doubled, from **74 to 177 MMT.**

WATERWAYS
A REVOLUTION UNDERWAY

- **111 National Waterways** notified, up from 5 in 2014.
- Operational waterways grew from **3 to 32.**
- Over **10 crore** passengers now travel by inland waterways every year.

SHIPBUILDING
RISING TO THE WORLD STAGE

- Mega Shipbuilding push: ~ **₹70,000 Cr**
- **New dry dock** at Cochin Shipyard inaugurated 2024.
- Domestic fleet acquisition plan: 437 vessels worth **₹2.2 lakh Cr.**

GREEN TRANSITION
CLEANER SEAS, CLEANER RIVERS

- Renewable energy use at major ports **up 30x** since 2014.
- **India's first hydrogen-powered ferry** launched at Varanasi, December 2025
- **Green Tug Transition Programme** targets zero-emission tugs at all major ports by 2040.

LANDMARK PROJECTS

- **Jal Marg Vikas Project —** Transforming NW-1 from Haldia to Varanasi, ₹5,061 Cr
- **Jogighopa IWT Terminal, Assam —** New gateway for Northeast India's trade corridor
- **Mumbai Marina —** 424 yacht berths, ₹887 Cr, India's first world-class marina, 2028
- **Vadhvan Port, Maharashtra** — India's future largest container port, ₹76,000 Cr investment
- **National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal —** Envisioned as the world's largest maritime museum
- **Tuna Tekra Container Terminal, Gujarat —** 2.19 million TEU annual capacity

REFORMS & MILESTONES

- **3 Indian ports in Global Top 30** — 7 in Global Top 100 (World Bank Container Port Performance Index 2025)
- **Sagarmala Programme** — 7,100+ km of port connectivity infrastructure across India
- **11 landmark Acts enacted** — including the Merchant Shipping Act 2025 and Indian Ports Act 2025, replacing colonial-era laws
- **One Nation One Port Process** — Over 39% reduction in documentation transactions at all 12 major ports
- **Sea cruise passengers up 328%** — from 1.08 lakh to 4.62 lakh
- **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047** — 300+ initiatives targeting 10,000 MMTPA port capacity

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Maritime India Vision 2030 | Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 | Sagarmala Programme

Goyal posted tribute to Agarwal on his birthday

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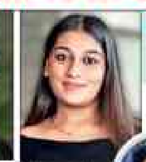
3 ATTEMPTS AT LOHAGAD EARLIER



June 18: **Ketan Agarwal** (25) falls into 300-ft gorge at Lohagad, fiancée **Siya Goyal** (20) says he fell while posing for a photo

➤ Police probe finds murder executed by Siya, her partner **Chetan Chaudhary** (22), a day before her birthday, on fourth attempt

➤ Siya & Chetan were in relationship for 8 mths, but her father proposed marriage to Agarwal family

FIRST ATTEMPT: May 31 | Siya **pushed him off Lohagad Fort cliff**, but he survived by clutching onto a bush, says Ketan's father. She told Ketan immediately she pushed him to save him from a snake

SECOND: June 4 | Planned again at same fort, but Ketan's mother did not allow him to visit Lohagad, police say

THIRD: June 14 | She managed to take Ketan to Lohagad, but aborted plan due to heavy Sunday rush

Subsequent investigations, including her call logs, exposed her lie, police said. Sandeep Singh Gill, superintendent of police (Pune Rural), on Tuesday said, "We have arrested Goyal of Marketyard and her partner, Chetan Chaudhary (22), of Kondhwa under sections 103 (murder) and 61 (criminal conspiracy) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)."

They were on Tuesday presented before a Wadgaon Maval court, which remanded them into police custody till June 29.

According to Gill, Agarwal and Goyal got engaged in Feb and were set to marry soon. "Both families had planned to celebrate Goyal's birthday on June 19. Investigations, however, revealed that Goyal did not want to celebrate the day with him and his family, and was looking for a way out of the relationship," he said.

What followed, the police said, was a calculated plan. On June 18, just a day before her birthday, Goyal insisted on a trek to Lohagad Fort with Agarwal. They left Gahunje around 8.30am and reached the foothills within an hour, where Chaudhary was already waiting. "CCTV footage revealed a suspicious figure in a hoodie, unusual in the sweltering heat, trailing them. That figure turned out to be Goyal's partner Chaudhary," the police said.

At a secluded cliff edge, the plan reached its deadly conclusion. "As they reached the edge, both Goyal and Chaudhary pushed Agarwal into the 350-foot gorge," Gill said. In the hours that followed, Goyal played her part convincingly. She alerted family members and locals, maintaining that it was a tragic accident.

Security personnel, along with Shivdurga Mitra Lonavla and the Lonavla Rural police, recovered the body and sent it for postmortem. Initially, the case was treated as an accidental death and registered accordingly.

On her birthday on June 19, Goyal even posted an emotional tribute to Agarwal on social media. Along with a video featuring him, the post drew sympathy from friends and relatives. Agarwal's family, however, refused to believe he could have slipped so easily. "The family told us that he was an experienced trekker and doubted the accidental fall theory," Gill said.

By then, the police had already started exploring possible motives, including personal and financial angles. Further inquiry revealed that Goyal was in a relationship with another man.

Gill said that the two were subsequently taken into custody on Monday. "During sustained questioning, they confessed to the murder," he said.

Cabbie abducts homeless girl, 10, from Delhi footpath, rapes and murders her

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PARENTS DAILY-WAGE LABOURERS

When
Around 5 am on Monday

Accused
Basu Singh (29), a cab driver

VICTIM'S FAMILY PROFILE

➤ The victim (10) sold balloons on the street

➤ Her parents are daily-wage labourers; the girl had three siblings

➤ She was recently enrolled in a govt school

➤ They previously lived in rented accommodation, but after losing their home, they were forced to live on the footpath

ACCUSED PROFILE

➤ The accused is a native of Bihar and has prior criminal cases registered against him back home

➤ He is a cab driver linked with at least three platforms

A family of four, including three children, is sleeping on a footpath when a cab (Maruti Suzuki Wagon R) approaches them

The driver pulls one of the kids, an 10-year-old girl, into his vehicle

The driver dumps the girl in a forested area before fleeing in the car

The girl screams for help from inside the car as her father chases it with a stick

PROBE DETAILS

➤ Cops contacted cab aggregators and sought the latitude and longitude of the vehicle parked at the spot, which helped them trace it

➤ After rape and murder, he accepted another ride on the application and dropped the passenger in west Delhi's Vikaspuri

➤ The vehicle had gone to CDR Chowk for a pickup, but the driver spotted the girl, watched her for 45 minutes, then took her to Faridabad Road, Mandi, where he assaulted her

➤ He had strangled her with a towel and had also hit her with large stones

➤ He claimed to have raped the minor twice, though police said he had been changing his statements

New Delhi: A 10-year-old girl was allegedly snatched from her family while sleeping on a pavement in south Delhi, sexually assaulted and murdered by a cab driver early Monday morning.

Police said the accused raped the minor inside his cab. He then strangled her to death and bludgeoned the body to disfigure it. The body, hidden under stones in a forested area on Faridabad-Gurgaon road, was recovered in the evening.

The suspect, Basu Singh (25) is a married man with two children and has a criminal history, including two murder attempts.

What began as a 5am kidnapping call to the cops rapidly escalated into a fast-paced manhunt, culminating in the arrest of the accused, who allegedly confessed to the ghastly crime. He was produced in court and was remanded to police custody.

The crime took a dramatic turn on Tuesday evening when the accused was shot and wounded by cops after he allegedly snatched a weapon in a bid to escape during a crime scene reconstruction.

Deputy commissioner of police (south) Anant Mittal constituted a team to crack the case, and the accused was apprehended within seven hours of the incident.

After analysing CCTV footage and contacting cab aggregators, police identified the vehicle and traced the accused. He was later apprehended from west Vikaspuri around noon, after completing a ride with a passenger.

Upon interrogation, Singh initially denied he had committed the crime. Confronted with evidence, he admitted to taking the girl in his cab but claimed he had later dropped her on Mandi Road.

As the interrogation continued, he finally confessed to killing the minor after raping her at an isolated place and then dumping the body. Cops recovered the body that had injuries on face and head, around 4.30pm.

He told police that he had come to CDR Chowk to pick up a passenger when he spotted the girl and allegedly abducted her. "After sexually assaulting her, he claimed that he strangled her and then hit her with stones before dumping the body in a forested area near the Gurgaon border," an officer said.

Singh's wife and two kids live in Bihar. Police learnt that he had a criminal background at his native place. He was linked to at least three cab aggregators.

At around 8.30pm, the accused was taken to Mandi village for crime scene reconstruction. During the exercise, while cops were asking him to identify where he had parked the car, he allegedly snatched a pistol and fired a round at the team, police claimed. The bullet "narrowly missed". In retaliation, police fired two rounds, one of which hit his left leg. He was later taken to hospital.

'Papa...': Child's final call before she vanished

Abhay@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: "I was sleeping when I was jolted awake with my daughter yelling 'Papa...' I saw her being pulled in the car and ran to save her. I picked up a stick and chased but the car sped away," the girl's father told **TOI** at a mortuary in a south Delhi hospital Tuesday.

A few months ago, the family had migrated from another state to Delhi in search of a better life. They initially lived in rented accommodation, but were forced to move onto the streets after they could no longer afford the rent. The 10-year-old girl would often look after her younger siblings while her parents worked as daily wagers.

The scenes at the hospital were heart-rending. Police had brought the father to the mortuary for formal identification of his daughter's body. As he stepped out after identifying her, he broke down inconsolably.

The father said the family had been living a difficult and unstable life for several months. "We were earlier staying in a rented room, but had to vacate it. After that, we went back to our village in Bihar and stayed there for nearly four months. A few months ago, we returned to Delhi, but with no place to stay, we had no option but to live on the footpath," he said.

Recalling the morning of the incident, the father said the family was asleep when he suddenly heard his daughter cry out just once. "She only said one word — 'Papa'. By the time I woke up, she was being taken inside the car. I picked up a stick and ran after them, but the driver fled the spot within a minute. I immediately made calls for help," he said.

The grieving father said his daughter had recently been enrolled in a govt school in Delhi and was excited about studying. "I got her admission only after a great struggle. Earlier, I did not have the required documents. She wanted to study," he said, his voice choking.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

M.I & G.W.D.D. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR

No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-2/NON-NBD&SCP/TND/2026-27/ Date:23.06.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.

4702 Major Works :- Total 1 Work(4th Call), Amount put to Tender **Rs.451.77 Lakhs**, **Tender Period for the above work is Eleven(11) Months including monsoon.**

4702 SCP Works :- Total 1 Work(2nd Call), Amount put to Tender **Rs.3.60 Lakhs**, **Tender Period for the above work is Three(3) Months including monsoon.**

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home under login for Contractors from **23.06.2026.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **17-30 hrs.** on **02.07.2026.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17-30 hrs.** on **01.07.2026.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **29.06.2026** for work costing above 1.00 Crore in the office of the Executive Engineer, MI&GWDD Division, Vijaypur. Tenders shall be quoted without adding GST and other details can be seen in the tender documents.

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JAIPUR CITY TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED

No.:- MD/JCTSL/2026-27/D - 762 Date :- 22/06/2026

Corrigendum - 08

This is with reference to JCTSL Bid no 07/2025-26 published on **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** UBN No.JCT2526SLOB00009 and **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**. Tender ID 2026_JCTS_532359_1. Some amendments are made. Detail of amendments can be seen and may be downloaded from above mentioned websites and JCTSL Website **(http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/jctsl).**

Raj.Samwad/C/26/5448 **CFO, JCTSL**

Government of Karnataka

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department

Office of the Director, No. 34, 1st Floor, Lotus Towers, Race Course Road, Bangalore -560 001
Phone : 080-22261787

No.: STWD/ED-2/CR-33/2025-26/Call-2 Date:22.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP portal only)

Tender is invited for Purchase and Supply of Desk cum Benches for Maharshi Valmiki Adivasi Tribal Residential Schools at the cost of Rs. 3,39,85,284/- as per Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and the last date for submission of tenders is **21.07.2026.** Interested bidders can submit their tenders through e-procurement portal and Further information can be obtained from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Director,
Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department

DIPR/CP/JA/1305/2026-27

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Marathalli Division,
Bellandur main road, Bellanduru, Bengaluru: 560103

No.BECC/EE/MRH/TN/01/2026-27 Dated: 23-06-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Short Term)
(Through kpp.Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Marathalli Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the work details in the table given below. The Tenderers shall be registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike /CPWD/KPWD/Railways /MES / any State or Central Govt. organization. Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Amount put to tender in lakhs Exclusive GST/ EMD amount in Rs./Period of Completion
1	Comprehensive development of Roads and Drains and Other allied works in ward no. 45-Marathalli, 46-Yamlur, 47-Bellanduru, 49-Doddanekannelli, 41-Munnekollala, 48-Panathur in Marthalli Division of Mahadevapura constituency. (Sl no. From 01 to 18 of Annexure-2) Amount put to Tender : **Rs.980.00 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.14,70,000/-. Period of Completion : 09 Months.**

Calendar of events:
1. Last date of submission queries : **30-06-2026 within 11.00 A.M**
2. Date & time for Pre Bid Meeting : **30-06-2026 at 4.00 P.M**
3. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **04-07-2026 Upto 4:00 P.M.**
4. Date & Time for Opening Technical bid : **06-07-2026 at 4.30 P.M**
5. Date & Time for Opening Financial bid : **07-07-2026 at 4.00 P.M**
6. Validity of Tenders : **180 Days**

Bid document may be referred for other terms and conditions and any Corrigendum/Addendum will be published & notified only through **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** or Contact KPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Marathalli Division, BECC

NORTH WESTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, CENTRAL OFFICES, HUBBALLI

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 07/ME/2026-27 DATE : 22.06.2026

Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal

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Tenders, both Pre-qualification & Commercial offers (Two Tender Document System) through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal are invited from the interested bidders.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description of Tender Details with approx. value
I	T-42 NWKRTC/ 2026-27/ IND0211/ CALL-2 Dated : 22.06.2026	For the supply of 80 Nos. of new BS-VI fully built Type-II NDX Double Door Buses, built on 5334mm to 5340mm WB chassis required for North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC). (Tender value Rs. **32.00** Crore)

Last date & time for submission of Tender through e-portal: **30.06.2026** up to 17.30 hrs.

For details visit website:http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Or Contact Mobile Nos. **7760993225 / 7022009931**

Sd/- Chief Mechanical Engineer, (Tender Inviting Authority).

DIPR/Dharwad//346/KSMCA/2026-27

Government of Karnataka

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Office of the The Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Division, Gadag
Phone: 08372-297256. Email -id :- ee.rws.gdg@gmail.com

Tender Notification No :EE/RDWSS/GDG/JE/TND/2026-27/419 Date: 23.06.2026

Tender Notification

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Gadag invites Work tender from eligible Contractor related to RDWS&S Division, Gadag District, for the works with details as given below

Sl No	Indent No	Amount Put to Tender In Lakhs	EMD Amount
1	RWSSD/2026-27/RT/ WORK_INDENT10252	**246.74 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು**	**247000.00**

The eligible bidders are required to submit through E-Procurement mode only & for More details can be had from this office and also through http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list. The date of starting of tender is **24.06.2026,** Pre-bid meeting is **29.06.2026**, Last date for tender queries is **07.07.2026**, Last date for Bid Submission is **08.07.2026**, Date of opening of technical Bid is **10.07.2026** & Date of opening of financial Bid is **13.07.2026.**

DIPR/GADAG/135/KSMCA/2026-27 **Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Gadag.**

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NOTICE INVITING BID

Directorate of AYUSH Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Heads of Department Building, 3rd Floor (Annex), Unit-5, Bhubaneswar-751001
Tel: 0674-2394577, Email: directorayushodisha@gmail.com Web: https://ayush.odisha.gov.in

Bid Ref. No.:**DAYUSH-PUR-PUR-0017-2026/DAYUSH 7055** Dated: **23 JUN 2026**

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible licenced and GMP certified Homoeopathic drug manufactures (except M/s Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, other Central Public Sector Undertakings, Public Sector Undertakings, Pharmacies and Co-Operatives under State/UT Governments) for supply of Homoeopathic drugs for use in the Government Homoeopathic hospital/ dispensaries and AYUSH clinics co-located in the PHCs/CHCs of the State as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	24/06/2026, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - **tenderayushodisha@gmail.com**	01/07/2026, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting	06/07/2026, at 11 AM	
4.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		09/07/2026, 3 PM	07/08/2026, 6.00 PM
5.	Date & time for submission of Offline hard copy of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-VI of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		10/08/2026, 10 AM	17/08/2026, 11.00 AM
6.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	17/08/2026, 11:30 AM	
7.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** and **https://ayush.odisha.gov.in**. The Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the Director AYUSH website **https://ayush.odisha.gov.in**. Hence the bidders are requested to visit Director AYUSH website **https://ayush.odisha.gov.in** time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/-
Director AYUSH,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

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Tel: 0674-2394577, Email: directorayushodisha@gmail.com Web: https://ayush.odisha.gov.in

Bid Ref. No.:**DAYUSH-PUR-PUR-0017-2026/DAYUSH 7050** Dated: **23 JUN 2026**

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1.	Date & time of release of bid	24/06/2026, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - **tenderayushodisha@gmail.com**	01/07/2026, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting	04/07/2026, at 11:00 AM	
4.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		06/07/2026, 3 PM	04/08/2026, 6.00 PM
5.	Date & time for submission of Offline hard copy of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-VI of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		07/08/2026, 10 AM	14/08/2026, 11.00 AM
6.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	14/08/2026, 11:30 AM	
7.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

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Sd/-
Director AYUSH,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

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NOTICE FOR BID

Tender Ref. No. DLR-11011/20/2026/Re

1. The Inspector General of Registration, Assam, hereby invites online Bids from eligible Bidders following **two-bid system** of bidding for **Selection of a Service Provider to Setting up of Premium Registration Offices (PRO) for IGR, Assam.**
2. The Open Competitive Bidding method shall be followed for selection of the most preferred bidder for the tendered Item(s). The tender terms, conditions and procedures are in conformity with "The Assam Public Procurement Act, 2017" and "The Assam Public Procurement Rules, 2020" as amended from time to time.
3. The Bidding Documents can be downloaded by any prospective bidder from the e-Procurement portal i.e., **http://assamtenders.gov.in,** free of cost.
4. All Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security of the amount as specified for the item(s) bid, unless otherwise mentioned in the Bidding Documents. Exemptions to Bid Security are allowed to certain classes of bidders, if mentioned in this Bidding Document.
5. Bids must be submitted online at the e-Procurement portal (i.e., **http://assamtenders.gov.in**) on or before the due date for submission i.e. **16.07.2026 upto 2:00 PM.**
6. The Bidders are also required to submit the hardcopy of the Power of Attorney and original Bank Guarantee in the office of the Director of Land Records and Surveys etc., Assam, Rajah Bhawan, Rupnagar, Guwahati - 32, within the due date for submission of Bid i.e., **16.07.2026 upto 2:00 PM.** Late Bids will be liable for rejection summarily.
7. The Technical Bid will be opened online on **17.07.2026 at 2:00 PM** and the Price Bid shall be opened online only for the technically qualified bidders.
8. The Inspector General of Registration, Assam reserves the right to accept/reject any/all applications without assigning any reason thereof. Any corrigendum/addendum etc., shall be uploaded to the e-procurement portal website **https://assamtenders.gov.in** only.
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Leading in times of polycrisis

In Volatile Environments, Resilience Depends Less On Concentrated Authority Than On Distributed Trust And Empowered Execution

By Sujaya Banerjee

As complexity rises driven by economic pressure, AI inflection, geopolitical tension, and climate stress, organisations seem to gravitate back to familiar command-and-control leadership styles. Leaders, navigating a polycrisis of overlapping shocks and compounded uncertainty, often revert to what feels certain.

When uncertainty spikes, so does the urge to centralise power. Organisations that once championed flat structures, inclusive decision-making, and empowered teams suddenly reach for familiar levers: top-down mandates, rigid reporting lines, and unilateral decisions.

Decisions migrate upwards, authority narrows and leaders become reluctant to delegate, fearing that dispersed judgment will magnify risk. Ironically, just when diverse perspectives and creative capacity are most needed, control takes precedence. This reflex often proves self-defeating. This move towards authoritarian management is not a failure of character, but a predictable human response to institutional anxiety. Three distinct factors drive this behavioural shift:

Anxiety mitigation: Complexity breeds deep organisational anxiety. When outcomes become entirely unpredictable and teams feel exposed, leaders instinctively

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opt for the illusion of absolute order.

The judgement gap: Junior and mid-level ranks often possess uneven experience. In high-stress scenarios, executives view centralising authority as a necessary mechanism to safeguard the company against costly junior errors and a way to impose order on chaos.

The illusion of speed: Command-and-control structures seemingly offer immediate clarity, rapid execution, and clear lines of accountability, even if the long-term systemic costs are significant. Egalitarian cultures of inclusion and empowerment rarely disappear overnight; they erode. Leaders stop seeking input. Meetings shift from debate to status updates. Risk-taking diminishes, because psychological safety depends on trust and crisis erodes trust.

Gradually, organisations silence the very voices that could have identified blind spots, connected disparate signals, or generated breakthrough ideas. Yet, the pull towards command-and-control is not inevitable. Organisations can resist it without sacrificing rigour by adopting a deliberate and/also approach.

Separate decision authority from idea generation

Organisations need to centralise final decision-making, where necessary, but should institutionalise a system of diverse inputs. One way of doing this could be through creations of rapid 'challenge sessions' where junior team members are expected, not invited, to present dissenting views.

Build distributed expertise

Gaps in judgement are often a development issue, not a talent issue. Organisations can address this issue by investing in cross-functional exposure, decision simulations, and just-in-time coaching. Coaching for judgement and decision-making must become an intentional leadership practice, not an occasional intervention.

Redefine control as clarity of intent, not control of action

Leaders should define outcomes, boundaries, and priorities. Within those guardrails, teams retain autonomy. This balance, strong alignment with flexible execution preserves inclusion while reducing chaos.

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Think you're eating healthy? Why you may have a false sense of it

Look at the nutrient density of what you eat, not just the calories they contain

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For years, diet culture has trained people to focus on calories consumed, carbs cut, fats avoided. But by only counting calories, we are not just skipping macros but also missing out on essential nutrients that keep our body well-oiled. A packet of chips, two hard-boiled eggs, and a handful of nuts have similar calories. But we know that chips can never be as healthy as the other two. And that's why we need more awareness around nutrient density.

"In the race to cut calories, carbs or fats, we often overlook what truly nourishes the body — nutrient density," says nutritionist Deepti Khatuja from Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon. A common mistake is to think low-calorie means healthy. "Calories merely tell us how much energy a food provides, not what quality of food it is," points out Dr Praveen Kumar H R, a gastroenterologist from Apollo Hospitals, Bengaluru. "Nutrient density is the amount of beneficial nutrients a food provides relative to its calorie content. These nutrients include vitamins, minerals, fibre, phytonutrients, antioxidants, and essential fats. Nutrient-dense food delivers high level of nutrition with relatively fewer calories."

Delhi-based dietitian Anita Jatana says nutrient density is a far more meaningful measure of a food's value than calorie count. "Calories do not capture the full range of nutrients the body needs for immunity, cellular repair, hormonal balance, brain health and long-term metabolic resilience. Diets built purely around calorie restriction or cutting out entire macro groups may reduce dietary diversity, compromise gut health and raise nutrient deficiency risks," she warns.

Nutrient-dense foods such as fruits, vegetables, pulses, nuts and lean proteins provide essential vitamins, minerals and fibre that support immunity, gut and metabolic health, explains Khatuja. In contrast, calorie-dense but nutrient-poor foods may provide energy without nourishing the body. "That's why ultra-processed food leads to overeating as the body is still searching for missing nutrients," points out Surabhi Sharma, head of dietetics and nutrition at Max Hospital, Gurgaon. Even overly restrictive low-fat or low-carb diets may affect vitamin absorption, fibre intake and digestive health, she adds.

Health-conscious folks reaching out for products with the 'low-calorie' tag, don't be fooled. Dr Anukalp Prakash, director of gastroenterology at CK Birla Hospital, Gurgaon cautions that a growing reliance on such 'diet' foods "may introduce artificial sweeteners and additives that disrupt the gut microbiome, leading to gas or diarrhoea in some". Gastroenterologist Dr Vineet Kumar Gupta adds, "A calorie-first mindset can create a false sense of healthy eating, and may also contribute to 'hidden hunger', when people consume enough calories but remain deficient in essential nutrients like iron, folate, vitamin B12 or fibre."

Internal medicine specialist Dr Swati Maheshwari recalls how a young working woman seeking weight loss through strict calorie counting developed multiple nutritional deficiencies. "The woman was tracking her meals through a mobile app, restricting herself to 1,000-1,200 calories a day with low-calorie food choices, frequent meal skipping and near-total avoidance of fats," she says. While that initially led to weight loss, within a few months, she began experiencing persistent fatigue, hair fall, dizziness, and poor concentration. Tests later revealed iron, vitamin B12 and early vitamin D deficiencies, which doctors linked to prolonged intake of calorie-controlled but nutrient-poor meals lacking adequate protein, healthy fats and dietary diversity. "Calorie restriction without attention to food quality can create serious nutritional gaps," adds Dr Maheshwari.

Dr Prakash says obsessive calorie counting, at the cost of balanced nutrition, is bound to skew one's digestion, not to mention one's gut microbiome as essential fibre and healthy fats are often skipped. "Low fibre can cause constipation and bloating, while insufficient fats may affect bile production and nutrient absorption," he adds. Calorie restriction can also disrupt eating patterns. Skipping meals or eating very small portions may slow digestion and lead to acidity, indigestion, or discomfort. The digestive system works best with regular, adequately-sized meals. "Another key factor is stress. Constantly tracking calories can create anxiety around food, impacting gut health through the gut-brain connection," he explains.

How to focus on nutrient density? By balancing all food groups. Dr Kumar shares that green leafy vegetables, fruits, eggs, fish, nuts, seeds, legumes and whole grains help supply the body with micronutrients needed for DNA repair, immune defense, energy production, and cell maintenance. "It also stabilises blood sugar, supports healthy metabolism, and improves both physical and mental performance." So, it's less about counting every calorie and more about making every calorie count.

> "Foods that are calorie-dense but nutrient-poor may provide energy without adequately nourishing the body. This is why two foods with similar calorie counts can affect health very differently
> **Deepti Khatuja,** NUTRITIONIST

WHAT IS NUTRIENT DENSITY?

It's how many beneficial nutrients (vitamins, minerals, protein, healthy fats) you get per calorie. Common nutrient-dense foods are fruits, vegetables, leafy greens, legumes, whole grains, nuts, seeds, and lean proteins

Here's what nutrient-dense foods do:

- **Fuels cells:** Gives vitamins, minerals cells need to produce energy. You feel vibrant without needing to overeat calories
- **Sustains weight loss:** Rich in fibre, protein. Triggers satiety hormones, curbs intense cravings
- **Prevents deficiencies:** Vitamins, minerals protect against deficiencies that result in fatigue, brain fog, brittle hair or nails
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The yellow glow in photos that saved a child's sight

Eye condition common in children, with many using patches. But this child had rare retinal disease hiding underneath

Dr Aditya Kelkar

MY MOST INTERESTING CASE

I have been doing vitreo-retinal surgery for many years. Still, some cases stay with you, not for being most complex in the operating room, but because they reveal how easily serious disease hides behind everyday symptoms. One such case involved a little boy, barely four, whose parents were told he simply had a 'lazy eye'.

The family described how their son occasionally tilted his head while watching TV, missed objects on one side, or seemed visually inattentive. A local doctor labelled it amblyopia, the common childhood lazy eye, and advised patching therapy. The parents followed instructions with admirable discipline, hoping each week would bring improvement.

In many such cases, the focus shifts immediately to treatment. A detailed retinal evaluation with dilation may be overlooked as children are often uncooperative for ocular examinations, particularly when bright lights and dilatation drops are involved. Sometimes, the kid has to be examined under anesthesia to properly assess the eye. Naturally, parents worry about sedation or general anesthesia merely for diagnostic purposes and may hesitate or even decline. These barriers often result in incomplete eye evaluations, allowing serious retinal disease to remain undetected under the guise of a simple 'lazy eye'.

Meanwhile, the child's vision and behaviour began to worsen. He bumped into furniture more often, became withdrawn, and grew increasingly frustrated. The parents also recalled something unusual they had noticed earlier: in a few photographs, one eye had shown a peculiar yellow glow, unlike the normal red reflex. They hadn't dismissed it as a camera fault, but neither could they imagine its significance.

The family reached me with a folder full of amblyopia prescriptions and reassurance notes. But something about the history did not fit. Amblyopia rarely deteriorates so rapidly, especially with consistent therapy. During a dilated retinal examination, I spotted unmistakable yellowish exudates (fluids) at the back of his eye. Further imaging confirmed Coats disease, a rare condition where abnormal retinal vessels get dilated, twisted, and leaky, depositing cholesterol-rich material that reflects as a "yellow-white glow" in flash photographs.

The parents were stunned. Their child didn't have a lazy eye at all, he had a leaking eye. On fundus examination (ophthalmoscopy that examines inside the back of the eye), we also saw signs of retinal detachment that can lead to irreversible vision loss if untreated. Over the years, medical literature has repeatedly warned how Coats disease is notorious for presenting in a way that resembles simple amblyopia. And yet, in busy clinical settings, this trap is easy to fall into. A case published in the American Journal of Ophthalmology Case Reports described almost the same dilemma: a child treated for anisometropic (when both eyes have vastly different refractive powers) amblyopia for months, until a dilated retinal exam finally uncovered early exudates of Coats disease. The authors stressed that when a child's 'lazy eye' does not respond to patching as expected, a detailed fundus evaluation is essential. Real-world experiences echo the same pattern. In a patient story published by Johns Hopkins Medicine, a five-year-old boy named Sean was also initially thought to have simple vision issues until progressive loss revealed advanced Coats disease that ultimately blinded one eye.

> **During a dilated retinal examination, I spotted subtle yellowish exudates (fluids) at the back of his eye. Further imaging confirmed Coats disease, a rare condition where abnormal retinal vessels get dilated, twisted, and leaky, depositing cholesterol-rich material that reflects as a 'yellow-white glow' in flash photos**

These reports mirror exactly what I saw in this four-year-old. A single careful dilated exam changed the trajectory of this child's life and served as a powerful reminder that in paediatric ophthalmology, the most dangerous conditions are often the ones that pretend to be ordinary. Coats disease does not always guarantee a return to normal vision. But without intervention, this child's eye would have silently progressed toward complete blindness and loss of eye or phthisis bulbi (shrunken, non-functioning eyeball).

Post-surgery, the boy improved from having only light perception to being able to recognise faces, toys, and objects at close range with the unaffected eye closed. His right eye remains completely normal, a blessing in such cases. A 'lazy eye' that worsens instead of improving is not lazy at all; it is a message to look deeper. Sometimes, behind that simple label lies a leaking retina, a detaching retina, or a disease waiting quietly in the shadows.

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TIMES NATION

CBI books top PESO officials in explosives licence scam

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Hyderabad: Central Bureau of Investigation has registered three FIRs alleging a wide-ranging conspiracy involving officials of the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) in Visakhapatnam, intermediaries, and applicants across multiple states.

The cases, filed on June 16 by the agency's anti-corruption branch in Visakhapatnam, accuse senior PESO officers of accepting bribes in cash, gold, bank transfers and even travel expenses in exchange for granting or renewing explosive licences, conducting inspections, and processing approvals linked to gas tankers, fuel bunks and other regulated activities.

The FIRs name three senior officials—Jyotirmoy Sarkar, then deputy chief controller of explosives; Susanta Kumar Bhole, controller of explosives; and Jai Nandan Mishra, deputy controller of explosives.

Pendyala Varaha Narasimha Murthy is cited in all three cases as a conduit who allegedly facilitated payments and acted as a go-between for applicants and officials.

More than Rs 4.4 lakh was allegedly transferred during 2024, apart from cash payments. Investigators also claim Murthy facilitated a Rs 40,000 payment for an air-conditioner through accounts linked to Wishtown Electronics, legally registered as Shivay Enterprises, Noida.

IAS officer held for siphoning ₹60cr from Haryana govt a/cs

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Chandigarh: CBI has arrested a second IAS officer in Haryana in a funds swindle case in less than a week, picking up Pankaj Aggarwal late Monday. The former principal secretary of the state's education and agriculture departments is accused of involvement in a Rs 60.5-crore scam.

The money was allegedly siphoned off from two sources — Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad (HSSPP) and Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board (HSAMB) — and funnelled through accounts at an IDFC First Bank branch in Chandigarh's Sector 32.

Aggarwal was sent Tuesday by a local court to two-day CBI remand, with the prosecutor saying custodial interrogation was needed to corroborate what he called "incriminating evidence". On June 17, former Panchkula municipal commissioner RK Singh was arrested in a related case involving alleged misappropriation of funds from the Haryana town's civic body linked to the same wider network. Singh remains in judicial custody.

According to CBI, Aggarwal approved opening of two IDFC accounts in violation of state finance department guidelines, overriding objections from subordinate officials. Large sums were subsequently transferred beyond permissible limits and siphoned through shell entities, causing a loss of Rs 60.5 crore to the state exchequer, the central agency has alleged.

Investigators claim the defrauded amount is part of a larger Rs 593-crore scam spanning eight state departments, with the funds routed through the same IDFC First branch. Haryana govt had transferred the probe to CBI from the State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau in April this year.

'A/Cs MISUSED'

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- Large sums transferred to these accounts and siphoned through shell entities
- This caused loss of ₹60.5cr, **part of ₹593cr scam spanning 8 state depts, says CBI**

CUET: Students getting 100 percentile in 1 subject up 20%

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New Delhi: Delhi girl Devina Gahlot, 17, from DPS Vasant Kunj, with 100 percentile in three (economics, political science and psychology) of her five subjects and an aggregate of 1232.19, is this year's CUET-UG topper. The second topper, Saksham Goel, with an aggregate of 1230.82, too is from Delhi, while Udit Chaturvedi (1207.21), ranked third, is from Himachal Pradesh.

The results were announced by National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday. The undergraduate entrance test for 244 participating universities saw a significant increase in top scorers in 2026, with the number securing 100 percentile in at least one subject rising 20% to 3,417, more than twice the 8.6% growth in examinees

The examination recorded its largest-ever pool of applicants and candidates this year, though the percentage share of registered students who actually appeared fell. Registrations climbed 15.8%, from 13,54,699 to 15,68,867, while the number appearing increased from 10,71,735 to 11,64,098.

The share of registered candidates who took the examination fell from 79.1% in 2025 to 74.2% this year, a decline of 4.9 percentage points. Nearly 4.05 lakh registered candidates stayed away in 2026, compared with 2.83 lakh last year.

Devina, who also scored 99.99 and 99.91 in English and fine arts, respectively, notched a 99% aggregate in her Class XII results. "I want to study English (honours) and would prefer St Stephen's or Hindu College. I have tried my hands at writing and have interest in journalism, but right now I would like to focus on my under-graduation and take one step at a time," said Devina, daughter of former Delhi minister and current BJP MLA Kailash Gahlot. Preparation for her is all "about regular and consistent study plan and to be thorough with her NCERT books."

Mann video row: 2 held in Haryana for 'fake AI report'

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Gurgaon: Gurgaon: The controversy over a video allegedly featuring Punjab CM **Bhagwant Mann** took a turn in BJP-governed Haryana on Tuesday as Gurgaon police filed an FIR, made two arrests, and probed allegations that a fake digital forensic report was prepared at the behest of Punjab govt officers to certify the video was AI-generated.

The clip, of an alleged act of sacrilege, was declared "authentic" by the Akal Takht which called Mann anti-Guru and anti-panth. Mann maintained that the person in the video is not him. AAP dismissed the action by Gurgaon police as "politically motivated".

Police claimed the duo taken into custody — Jind resident Ankit and Sirsa resident Arun Mahendru — were involved in analysing the video, which Mann, who heads Punjab's AAP govt, had earlier dismissed as one created using artificial intelligence. The arrests, according to police, were made by a Sector 40 crime branch team after the case was registered at DLF Sector 29 police station on Tuesday on a complaint from Sirsa resident Jaspreet, who claims to be an expert in digital forensics and electronic evidence analysis.

According to the FIR, Jaspreet received a call from a person claiming to be "a senior Punjab govt officer", who sought a meeting with him at Crowne Plaza hotel in Gurgaon. There, Jaspreet alleged, two Punjab govt officers met him and asked him to arrange two independent forensic reports stating that the video linked to the Punjab CM was AI-generated, digitally altered or fake.

Jaspreet also alleged he was offered Rs 10 lakh for getting the reports prepared. Jaspreet alleged he initially refused, stating the available material was not sufficient for a reliable forensic opinion but was then "pressured and threatened" to get the reports.

Preserving public confidence in judiciary is a new challenge: CJI

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New Delhi: Chief Justice Surya Kant on Tuesday acknowledged that the judiciary faced the challenge of preserving public faith in it and said the panacea lay in the judges' knowledge, integrity and commitment to expeditious and fair justice delivery.

Initiating a dialogue between the Indian Supreme Court and the SC of Russian Federation in Moscow, the CJI said despite varied history and tradition, the emerging common challenge to judiciary was "how to preserve public confidence in the administration of justice while adapting to a rapidly changing world". He said despite the rapid advancement of technology and its use in judiciary, the fundamental purpose of courts was primarily to uphold justice in a manner that commanded public trust. "While technology may expand the reach of courts, it is ultimately the learning, integrity of judges that determine the quality of justice delivered." . Speaking in the presence of chairman of the SC of Russian Federation Igor Krasnov, the CJI said technology may aid justice delivery but could never replace judicial values and adjudications.

Brics space heads meet kicks off ; satellite constellation on agenda

Bengaluru: The heads of space agencies from the 11 Brics nations began a two-day closed-door meeting in Bengaluru on Tuesday, with discussions expected to centre on space sustainability, expansion of the Brics satellite constellation and mechanisms for deeper cooperation among member countries.

The Brics Heads of Space Agencies (Hosa) meeting is taking place under India's 2026 Brics chairship and Isro said the meeting has brought together heads and senior representatives of the space agencies of Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the UAE. Hosted by Isro and the department of space with support from the ministry of external affairs, the meeting is being held under India's overall Brics chairship theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". The discussions are being conducted behind closed doors.

A view from orbit shows GalaxEye's Mission Drishti satellite after successful separation following launch aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket

According to Isro, space sustainability will be a major focus area, with member agencies expected to exchange views on sustainable space operations and domestic governance frameworks aimed at supporting debris-free space missions. Deliberations are also expected to cover policy approaches, regulatory frameworks and best practices to ensure the long-term sustainability of space activities. Another key item on the agenda is the proposed expansion of the Brics Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation (RSSC) agreement to include newer members of the grouping. Officials are also expected to discuss the terms of reference for a proposed Brics Space Council.

The meeting is also serving as a platform to showcase India's growing commercial space ecosystem. Isro said Indian space-tech companies are interacting with delegates through presentations facilitated by In-Space, offering insights into capabilities across launch services, satellite technologies, geospatial intelligence and downstream applications. TNN

Cabinet reshuffle buzz as Union minister George Kurian resigns

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: George Kurian's resignation as minister of state for minority affairs and PM Modi calling on the President re-ignited the buzz about the likelihood of a ministerial reshuffle before monsoon session of Parliament, slated for the second half of July. Kurian's resignation, which had been on the cards since the lapse of his Rajya Sabha membership, has formally opened up a vacancy.

At least one more slot is set to open up as Ravneet Singh Bittu, minister of state for railways, has also ceased to be a member of RS.

More vacancies can follow if BJP choses to implement 'one man-one post' principle — something that would see chiefs of BJP's Uttar Pradesh and Delhi units, Pankaj Chaudhary and Harsh Malhotra, resigning as MoS in ministries of finance and urban development.

A reshuffle has been talked about also because of what is considered to be the need to infuse vigour into certain ministries which seem to be struggling to cope with the pace PM has set and political considerations, including the increase in numbers of Shiv Sena (Shinde) after six MPs from the rival Uddhav Thackeray faction crossed over.

BJP circles have also speculated whether the representation of West Bengal, which delivered a shocker of a victory in May, will improve. Kurian's RS term had come to end on June 22.

Harsher the punishment, stronger must be the proof: MP HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhopal/Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh High Court (HC), while setting aside a Panna sessions court order awarding life term to two farmers for allegedly killing another farmer, said that suspicion, however strong, can't take place of proof and it's a settled position of law that harsher the punishment meted out to an accused, the stronger must be the proof to indict him for the crime.

A division bench of Justices Vivek Agarwal and AK Singh ordered the immediate release of farmers Parmanand and Angad, holding that their conviction was based on conjectures rather than legally admissible proof.

According to case records, farmer Jamuna Prasad Patel and the two accused had gone to irrigate their fields on the evening of Nov 27, 2023. The following morning, Angad's mother informed Patel's family over the phone that he was lying unconscious on the boundary of his field. Family members rushed to the spot and found Patel dead, with blood oozing from his nostrils.

While the post-mortem report confirmed that Patel had consumed liquor and succumbed to injuries, HC noted that the doctor who conducted the autopsy did not give any definite opinion on whether the death was accidental or homicidal. HC also pointed out that a stone seized by police and suspected to be the murder weapon was sent for forensic examination, but no bloodstains were detected on it. The accused had consistently maintained that they were sleeping in huts in their respective fields when the death occurred.

Examining the evidence and witness testimonies, the bench found no motive linking the accused to the crime. It also took note of the deposition of Patel's wife, who stated that the accused were her husband's friends and frequently accompanied him to the fields.

"The accused must be and not merely may be guilty before a court can convict," HC noted, adding that the gap between "may be" and "must be" separates vague conjectures from certain conclusions. Holding that the prosecution had failed to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, the judges quashed the life sentences awarded by the trial court and directed the duo's immediate release.

Cong alleges infighting in BJP

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If those are the allegations against Mohan Yadav, UP CM has bought 300-600 acres of land," Akhilesh alleged in Lucknow.

Congress also trained its guns on Mohan Yadav. "Under BJP's 'double-engine' government in Madhya Pradesh, 'engine of plunder' is running at full speed," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on X, sharing the news report. Yadav himself was at helm of this alleged "looting", Ramesh alleged. He also pointed to speculation that the Union agriculture minister, who moved from MP to Centre, had orchestrated "planting of stories" against the CM — an apparent reference to Shivraj Singh Chouhan. "The infighting appears to be over seat of power and a share in spoils," Ramesh said.

Akhilesh Yadav rejected allegations against Mohan Yadav, saying land purchases by his family were not new because he had been in real estate before becoming CM. "Wasn't BJP aware that he was into real estate business? You know why these allegations are being levelled at this stage? This is because BJP is looking for ways to replace 3 CMs," Akhilesh said.

He alleged BJP was working to remove Mohan Yadav and the CMs of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER -DATE EXTENSION

RFP No. CC/M&C/26-27/01 Date: 24.06.2026

The last date for submission of bids under RFP No. CC/M&C/26-27/01 dated 01.06.2026 for Engagement of a Techno Legal Agency for State Bank of India has been extended to 29.06.2026. For details, please visit **https://sbi.bank.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/procurement-news** and to apply please visit at **https://etender.sbi/SBI/**

Last date and time for submission of bids: 29.06.2026 up to 12:00 hrs.

Bid Opening Date: 29.06.2026 at 14:00 hrs.

Place: Mumbai
Date: 24.06.2026

Deputy General Manager
Social Media (M&C)

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in
(O/o Controller of Stores & Disposal (South), PSPCL, Patiala)
(Email - cosandds@gmail.com, Mobile no. 96461-19412, 96461-48165)

Scrap e-Auction Notice

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) will conduct a forward e-auction on 24.06.2026 for the disposal of approximately 7236 Damaged/Unserviceable Distribution Transformers (Approximate Total Start price Rs. 9.18 crores), lying at various Transformer Receiving Yards and General Scrap, Battery Scrap, E-waste, Plastic Waste lying in various central Stores(Approx. 5.03 cr.). TRY's and Outlet stores across Punjab, offered in separate multiple lots for each location. The e-auction will be conducted on the website portal **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/index_new.jsp**. The Detailed auction catalogue with Terms & Conditions of e-auction, corrigendum and material list etc. will be available on the website **https://www.mstcindia.co.in/content/Forthcoming e Auctions For All regions.aspx** and on **https://www.pspcl.in/e-auction-notice.aspx**. For queries related to registration, please contact at Phone No. 7229068247 or 7230022882.

C678/26, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2026-27/12615

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES,

Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024.
Email : commissionerahvs@gmail.com **Ph:** 080-23412767

No: CAH/VMS/CR-48/LN2SP/TENDER/2026-27 **Date:22.06.2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KPP portal mode only)

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites bids through KPP-portal from eligible bidders FOR SUPPLY OF LIQUID NITROGEN TO ALL THE DISTRICTS OF KARNATAKA FOR THE YEAR 2026-27 & 2027-28 for which the tendered Amount is **Rs. 774.60 lakhs.**

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **Dt: 22.06.2026** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP portal from **22.06.2026 to 22.07.2026 till 17.30 hours.**

Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and this office during office hours.

Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Medical Stores
Department Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services,

DIPR/CP/1314/NR/2026-27

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

#49, "Parisara Bhavan", 1st to 5th Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560001, Karnataka.
Phone: 25581383, 25589112, 25586520, Fax: 080-25586321
E-mail: ho@kspcb.gov.in, Website: https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

No.KPCB/39/BLD/2025/2026-27/685 **Dated:25-05-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(SHORT TERM TENDER) (1st Call)

Through GOK e-procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOK e-procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in by The Member Secretary for the following work:

Name of the work: Providing Consultancy service for proposed Construction of KSPCB Zonal office and Regional Office building at Hospet, Vijayanagara District. Approx Value of the work: **Rs.500.00 Lakhs.** All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

For more details, please refer e-procurement web site:
https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

DIPR/CP/1307/CCL/2026-27

OUR MOTTO IS TO MINIMIZE WASTE GENERATION THROUGH JUDICIOUS USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

UTTARAKHAND CIVIL AVIATION DEVELOPMNENT AUTHORITY

Sahastradhara Helidrome Dehradun, P.O Kulhan, Pincode - 248013

Letter No. 4673 /UCADA/2026 **ADVERTISEMENT** Date: 24.06.2026

Applications are invited from Indian nationals with full particulars for the following Posts on Contract Basis in the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority, (UCADA) Government of Uttarakhand:-

S.No.	Post Name	Vacancy	Remarks
01	Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. (Rotary wing) for EC-135	01	On Contract Basis
02	SKA B-200 Aircraft AME (Cat-B1)	01	On Contract Basis
03	Quality Manager	01	On Contract Basis
04	Foreman	01	On Contract Basis
05	Assistant Manager, Operations	01	On Contract Basis

Application should reach UCADA, through E-mail: **ucadadoon@gmail.com** till 30, June, 2026. The relevant details are available on our website **www.ucada.in**

Chief Executive Officer, UCADA

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING OPEN-E-TENDER

On behalf of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd, Senior Divisional Engineer, Ratnagiri is inviting Open E Tender For the following work.

Sr. No. 1, Name of the work - Deep screening, shallow screening, sleeper replacement, Destressing of track etc under SSE/Ratnagiri section. **Tender Notice No: KR-RN-W-2026-16 Dated 24.06.2026, Estimated cost-** ₹ 142,49,978/-, **EMD-** ₹ 2,85,000/-, **Last date and Time of depositing of tender on line** : 17.07.2026 upto 15.00 hrs.

Sr. No. 2, Name of the work - Deep screening, shallow screening, sleeper replacement, Destressing of track etc under SSE/Chiplun section. **Tender Notice No: KR-RN-W-2026-15 Dated 24.06.2026, Estimated cost-** ₹ 159,67,956/-, **EMD-** ₹ 3,19,400/-, **Last date and Time of depositing of tender on line** : 17.07.2026 upto 15.00 hrs.

Sr. No. 3, Name of the work - Deep screening, shallow screening, sleeper replacement, Destressing of track etc under SSE/Mangaon section. **Tender Notice No: KR-RN-W-2026-14 Dated 24.06.2026, Estimated cost-** ₹ 167,49,128/-, **EMD-** ₹ 3,35,000/-, **Last date and Time of depositing of tender on line** : 17.07.2026 upto 15.00 hrs.

For further details, contact office of Regional Railway Manager, Office, MIDC area, Mirjole, Ratnagiri. (Web site: https://www.ireps.gov.in)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. CIRCLE DAUSA

क्रमांक:- फा/ 2026-27/ डी-1165-81 दिनांक:- 11-6-2026

Notice Inviting Bid 05/2026-27

Bids for **Nit No 05/2026-27, Nos 01 Road Work Construction of Bandikui bye Pass (Nandera SH-78 to Anantwada, Bhateda Boarder Delhi- Mumbai Express-Way Hote Huwa Kaanch ki Dhani SH-25 Sinkandra- Alwar Mega Highway) upto Upto Pichupada** are invited from interested bidders upto **Date 09.07.2026,** Time **06.00 P.M.** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state, and - departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs 1298.54 Lacs**

NIB CODE;- PWD2627A1109
UBN. NO; PWD2627WLOB04796
DIPR/C/10752/2026

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
सा.नि.वि. वृत्त दौसा

Government of Karnataka
(PWD Division Raichur)
Executive Engineer
Public works department division Raichur
Telephone No. : 08532-225778
THESE WORKS ARE CATEGORY WISE CONTRACTORS

PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2026-27/1345 Date: 22-06-2026

Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Short Term Tender Notification -(KW- 3 & 4)

1) Notification No & Date : PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2026-27/1345 Date: 22-06-2026 **2) Name of work's:** Raichur District Total 16 work's Raichur, Manvi, Deodurga, Lingasugur & Sindhanur taluk Different types of Buildings, Bridges & Road works. **3) Amount of works Min:** Rs. 6733245.05 Max Rs. 99749662.31 **4) EMD Amount** : Min Rs. 135000.00 Max Rs. 1497000.00 **5) Period (including Manson):** Min 6 (Six) Month Max 11 (Eleven) Months **6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender:** 06/07/2026 16:00:00 **7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender:** 07/07/2026 16:30:00

Due to any reasons dates, retender any other changes will be notified in the KPPP Portal only No separate paper notification will be issued & For More details visit this website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD Division, RAICHUR.

DIP/RCR/133/KSMCA/135/2026-27

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

CORRIGENDUM

Tender No. 73264027, Date: 19.06.2026. A corrigendum has been issued against Tender No. **73264027**, published on 17.06.2026 with **Tender Opening Date 06.07.2026,** for procurement of "Complete Shell Assembly for WAG-9HC Twin Locomotives". The item description has been revised by changing the drawing reference from **Drg. No. CLW/MS/3/152 Alt.14 or Latest** to **Drg. No. CLW/MS/3/152 Alt.15 or Latest.** The revised description is as follows: **PL Code: 29176300. Field Name:** Item Description. **Description:** Existing Value. Modified Value (Description): Complete Shell Assembly For WAG-9HC Twin Locomotives as per Drg. No. CLW/MS/3/152 Alt.15or Latest., Drg. No. as per Annexure 'D' & 'E' of Spec No. CLW/MS/3/152 Alt.15 or Latest.

PR1/393 AMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/26/25, Dated: 19/06/2026. PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows : **[086]; 14262674;** Set of Blower Gasket To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0457/F (Set Detail Attached); As Per Tender/Document; **24/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[087]; 14262620B;** Spring Loaded Switch -1 To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0032/H; As Per Tender/Document; **27/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[088]; 14262610;** Crew Fan To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0110/E; As Per Tender/Document; **30/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[089]; 14262979;** LED Based Flasher Light To Drg./Spec. No. (i) ELRS/SPEC/LFL/0017 (Rev.1, Sept.2004) & (ii) CLW/ES/SK-3/L-21/C; As Per Tender/Document; **03/08/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[090]; 14262505;** Primary Voltage Transformer To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0009/C; As Per Tender/Document; **31/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[091]; 14262652;** Set Of Non-Metallic Pipe (Smoke Detector Pipe) To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0254/E (Set Detail Attached); As Per Tender/Document; **10/08/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[092]; 31261174A;** Pressure Sensor Oil Circuit Transformer As Per Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0035/H; As Per Tender/Document; **20/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00.

PR2/394 PCMM/CLW/Howrah

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

OPEN E-TENDER

The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in**. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply.** Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy. CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340711 or AMM/HQ, 9163342713 (For Notice No. A & B both) **Office Address: Office of The PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan. [A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 19/06/2026. Sl. No.:[1]. Tender No.: 73263771.Brief Description of Item:** All Steel Lock Nut For WAG-9 specn: CLW/MS/3/089 (Rev - 1 April 2007). Alt.4 Drg. No. 182-00493-003 T0182- 00493-007 Alt.4 (Each set consists of 05 items as per set details attached). **[Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]. **Quantity: 613.00 sets. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):** ₹433300.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 05/08/2026 at 11:00 AM. [B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 19/06/2026. Sl. No.:[1]. Tender No.: 73261041B. Brief Description of Item:** High tensile transition CB coupler(Top operated) with Top lifting hook, Top lifting assembly & Link for top operation in fitted condition but without High capacity draft gear, striker block & suspension hook (For TR screw coupling)as per RDSO Drg no. SK.DL-4809 Alt. 1 or latest item no. 1 to 8, 12 to 14, 35 to 40, 42 & 46 to 53. Except item no.- 9 to 11, 15 to 34, 41, 43 to 45 for WAG-9HC locomotive as per Drg.No. SKDL-4809 Alt.1 as per Specn. RDSO Specn. No. 56-BD-07 M.A No.2 or Latest. **[Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]. **Quantity: 1605.00 Nos. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):** ₹2000000.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 18/07/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

PR8/392 PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan

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Revenue Department

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY,

3rd & 4th Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001
Phone No. : 080 29565353/29604556 **Email :** splocaima-21@ka.gov.in

No: SPLOCA/ADM/Proc-03/04/2026-27 **Date 18-06-2026**

Publication

Expression of Interest to appoint Advocate for KPIDFE Cases on Contract BASIS.

Under the provisions of KTPP and within the powers conferred upon SPLOCA under 6(2) (d) of the KPIDFE Act the Competent Authority can appoint legal practitioner or chartered accountant or any other person whose services are necessary for taking possession of assets and realization of the assets of the Financial Establishment.

The SPLOCA calls for an EOI for contract appointment of advocates in Special courts/ District courts/ Consumer courts under PIDFE or other courts required in Dharwad / Belagavi / Maharashtra. Should be resident of Hubli / Dharwad/ Belgaum / Pune and registered at the Bar in Dharwad / Belgaum/Pune. Age not more than 50 years. Proficiency in local language besides Kannada and Hindi and English is essential.

Last Date: 30th June 2026, 5 pm. Office Address: O/o SPLOCA, V.V Towers Podium Block, Bengaluru-01. **Email:** splocaima21@gmail.com.Visit: **https://sploca.org/** for further details and forms.

Sd/-
Special Officer and Competent Authority
IMA & other KPIDFE cases, Revenue Department, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/1280/NR/2026-27

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.2, 2/1 & 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009. Phone No. 080-22265383 website:www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-03/0364/2026-27 **Date:23-06-2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors registered in KCEI/KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the works: (1) Repair and Reconditioning of deteriorated transformer accessories and faulty cable of existing 160KVA transformer yard at Raichur Growth Centre, Raichur District (General Category). (2) Installation & Commissioning of Bulkflow Meter (Bulk Water Connection) for the 5MLD water supply in Kanagala Industrial Area, Hukkeri Taluk, Belagavi District (Category-I). (3) Arranging Power Supply to Plot No.69 at Aliyabad 1st Phase Industrial Area, Vijayapura District (General Category). (4) Shifting/ Re-routing of 33kV and 11kV HT/LT Lines at Hidakal Dam, Hukkeri Taluk for Construction of Jackwell Pumphouse for Water Supply Work to Dharwad Node, Industrial Area at Dharwad District (General Category). (5) Construction of Entrance Gate and Security Room at Kadechur Industrial Area, Yadgiri District {Category-II(A)} (6) Repairs & Renovation of Existing Record & Store Room, Providing Furniture to the Zonal Office, Construction of New Record Room in the premises of KIADB Zonal Office Dharwad District. (ST Category) (7) Re-Conditioning, Operation & Annual Maintenance of Street Lights at Kanagala Phase-1, Belagavi District & Mulwada Phase-1 Industrial Area, Vijayapura District (SC Category).

• Last date for submission of bids is **20-07-2026** upto **04:00 pm**

Applicants May download bidding documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2
KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1318/CCL/2026-27

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION, ZONE-2

Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarhalli Division,
MEI Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte,
T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560073

No:BNCC/EE/DD/TEND/06/2026-27 Date: 22-06-2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)
SINGLE COVER AND TWO COVER SYSTEM

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli division invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BNCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the works / Category
1.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Abbigere Ward No.65 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.50000.00
2.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Kammagondanahalli Ward No.66 (ST) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.25000.00
3.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Shettihalli Ward No.67 (CAT-I) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.25000.00
4.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Mallasandra ward no.68 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount : ₹.50000.00
5.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Bagalagunte Ward No.69 (SC) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.25000.00
6.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Manjunathnagara Ward No.70 (CAT-II)(A) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.25000.00
7.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Nele Maheshwaramma Temple ward No.71 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.50000.00
8.	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Dasarahalli Ward No.72 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.25.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.50000.00
9.	Improvements to roads and drain in Coconut Garden and surrounding area in Ward No. 19 T Dasarahalli Call-4 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.42.37 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.85000.00
10.	Improvements to roads and drain in Bagalagunte and surrounding area in Ward No.18 Bagalagunte Call-4 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.42.37 Lakhs, EMD Amount : ₹.85000.00
11.	Improvements to roads and drain in Chikksandra and surrounding area in Ward No 17-Chikkasandra Call-4 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.42.37 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.85000.00
12.	Construction of e Library Building and Toilet in Settyhalli colony in ward No.16 Shettyahalli sub division Call-2 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.44.39 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.88780.00
13.	Development of Park in Medarahalli colony in Ward No. 15 Shettyahalli sub division. Call-2 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.23.48 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.46960.00
14.	Desilting & Maintenance of Drains by Silt and Tractor for the Year 2025-26 in Ward No. 17-Chikkasandra Call-2 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.28.41 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.56820.00
15.	Desilting & Maintenance of Drains by Silt and Tractor for the Year 2025-26 in Ward No 19-T Dasarahalli Call-2 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender: ₹.28.41 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.56820.00
	Two Cover System
16.	Construction of Annex Building adjacent to Dasarhalli Zonal office Building at MEI Layout Bagalgunte Call-3 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.410.14 Lakhs, EMD Amount : ₹.616000.00
17.	Construcition of Samudaya Bhavan in Medarahalli colony in ward No.15 Shettyahalli sub division Call-2 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.125.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.187500.00
18.	Annual Maintenance of SWD in Part of Dasarahalli Constituency (BNCC Limits) for the year 2026-27 (Others) Est. Cost / Amount put to tender : ₹.150.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount : ₹.300000.00

Calendar of Events: (1) Last Day for the submission for the tender Query is **06-07-2026** before **4:00** pm (for Sl No. 16 to 18) (2) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **07-07-2026** at **4:00** pm in the office of the Chief Engineer, Zone-2, BNCC, Bengaluru (for Sl No. 16 to 18) (3) Technical Bids will be opened on: **14-07-2026** at **4:30** pm (4) Financial Bids will be opened on: **15-07-2026** at **4:30** pm (if possible)

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Dasarahalli Division, BNCC

32001/436/2627

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer
Vansadhara Nagabali Basin, Paralakhemundi
(email Id: se_sicpkd@yahoo.com)

Cancellation Notice of e- Procurement Notice No. ACEVNB-03/2026-27

The tender invited by the undersigned vide e-Procurement Notice No ACE, VNB-03/2026-27 of O/o Additional Chief Engineer Vansadhara Nagabali Basin, Paralakhemundi is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable reason.

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer
Vansadhara Nagabali Basin
Paralakhemundi

OIPR-32001/32417/1/26-27/0004

32001/442/2627

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, POTTERU IRRIGATION PROJECT, BALIMELA

1st Corrigendum to e-procurement Notice No.CCE-PIP-BML-04/2026-27
e-mail Id : ccepotteru123@gmail.com

The availability and submission of Bids-online is hereby extended up to **24-06-2026 at 5:00 PM** and the Tender/Bid will be opened on **25-06-2026 at 11:00 AM** due to unavoidable circumstances.

All other terms and conditions in the Notice will remain unaltered.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Potteru Irrigation Project Balimela.

OIPR-32001/32052/1/26-27/0010

34001/383/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-I-07/2026-27

1. The Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Roads-I, Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : Road works
3. No. of work : 3 Nos.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs.10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : 'A' Class / Special Class / Super Class
6. Available of bid document the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 30.06.2026 to 5.30 PM of 17.07.2026
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt.18.07.2026 at 11.30 A.M.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief (Civil),
Roads-I, Odisha

OIPR-34001/34181/1/26-27/0011

25001/500/2627

By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID: serwcbaripada@gmail.com
Ph-No-06792-261343/261344
Gangraj, Baripada

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

Office Order No 3296 / Dt 20.06.2026

1st Corrigendum to National Competitive Bidding e_procurement Notice No.3107/Building works Dt.06.06.2026 (NCB No-415).

Due to unavoidable circumstances the important dates of tendering process for road works are being changed as follows.

Sl. No.	Item	Time Schedule as per Original NCB	Time Schedule as per Corrigendum Notice
1	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	20.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M to 06.07.2026 up to 05.00 P.M	30.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M to 14.07.2026 up to 05.00 P.M
2	Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification if any	04.07.2026 up to 05.00 P.M	13.07.2026 up to 05.00 P.M
3	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	07.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M	15.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M
4	Date & time of Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later	Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- **Er. A.K Naik**
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No. Tender Online RCK- 12/26 Letter No. - 3924 Date: -19.06.2026

e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the work : Tender for the Road works under (DMF) in the Dist. of Jajpur.
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure.
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure.
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK-12/26	01.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M	20.07.2026 to 5.00 P.M.	20.07.2026 up to 2.00 P.M.	21.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

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FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY-IV)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH OMMAS to GePSNIC "e"-Procurement

Bid identification No. Online Tender/NCB-10/RWC RGDA/2026-2027

The **Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Rayagada on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage** rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads & Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (**PMGSY-IV**) in the districts of **Rayagada for 35 (Thirty-Five)** number of packages with estimated cost totalling to **Rs 50.27 Cr (Approximate)** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with **State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways**. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd. **30.06.2026**

Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 14.07.2026 upto 5.30 P.M

(i) EMD / Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.

(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per mentioned DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to www.pmgsytenders.gov.in

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Engaged days ago, couple die together in Lucknow fire

Girl's Cousin Also Among 15 UP Fire Victims

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Just days before the fire, Anamika's parents had travelled from Kolkata to Lucknow to meet Nilesh's family. Wedding plans were discussed. A small engagement ceremony followed

Lucknow: Their wedding was weeks away. Their engagement only days old. By Monday evening, Nilesh Kumar and Anamika Samanta lay among the 15 victims of a fire that tore through a commercial building in Lucknow's Aliganj.

Nilesh (27) and Anamika (30) worked at Head Hoppers, a gaming and animation studio on the second floor — the level worst hit by the blaze. He was from Lucknow. She had come from Kolkata. They met at work three years ago. They became friends, then partners, and finally a couple whose families had given them their blessing.

Anamika worked as an instructor of 3D modelling and a texturing artist. Nilesh was a 3D character artist. Marriage talks were under way. Relatives were planning the ceremony.

Anamika's cousin, Soumalya Bera (24), worked at the same studio as the 3D artist head. He, too, died in the fire, turning grief into a double blow for her family.

Soumalya had graduated from a Gujarat institute in 2022 and joined Head Hoppers in June that year.

Only days before the fire, Anamika's parents had travelled from Kolkata to Lucknow to meet Nilesh's family. It was a warm gathering, relatives said. Wedding plans were discussed. A small engagement ceremony followed.

"We had already booked train tickets for a visit to West Bengal next week to take the marriage talks forward," Nilesh's brother, Abhishek, said. "Our house was abuzz with wedding discussions, travel plans and dreams of a shared future. Those hopes were replaced by frantic phone calls, desperate searches for information and a heartbreaking wait outside the postmortem house."

Nilesh's relative, Shubham Pushkar, described him as hardworking, ambitious and devoted to his family. Second among three siblings, Nilesh was expecting a promotion and salary hike this year. He wanted to strengthen his finances before getting married and was helping build a new family home where he hoped to start the new chapter of his life.

His father, Shatrughan Lal, remembers Monday morning with crushing clarity. Nilesh left home after seeking his parents' blessings — a daily ritual that became a final goodbye. Hours later, celebrations had turned into mourning. Travel plans, wedding conversations and dreams of a home together had all gone up in smoke.

'Maa, I don't think I'll live': Man's final call

Sonipat: "Maa, there is a fire. There's smoke everywhere. I don't think I'll survive," **Bhavish Sharma** told his mother during his final moments, over a video call that lasted a few seconds before disconnecting.

The 23-year-old animation professional from Haryana was among the 15 killed in the fire that engulfed a commercial building in Lucknow Monday.

Bhavish, from Mahipur village in Sonipat, had joined his first job at an animation and gaming institute just eight days earlier. He had moved to Lucknow on June 6 to support the family and fund his younger sister's wedding, father Narendra Sharma, a schoolteacher, said.

"He was my only son, my biggest hope. Everything I had was invested in his future. Now, nothing remains," Sharma said.

The family has appealed to the authorities to provide employment assistance to Bhavish's sister.

— **Manoj Dhaka**

Blaze bldg faces demolition over commercial use

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Lucknow: Lucknow Development Authority asked the owner of the Aliganj commercial building where a fire killed 15 young people to explain why it should not be demolished, while records showed an earlier demolition order against illegal construction was revoked within 2 months in 2016.

A preliminary LDA probe found Tuesday the 3-storey building, housing a gaming and animation studio, pet store and clinic, was being used for commercial activity despite approval for residential use. The land-use breach is central to the inquiry into Monday's blaze.

LDA vice chairman Prathamesh Kumar said the owner had been told to submit building documents. "We have given him time to reply. If the response is not satisfactory and violations are established, demolition will be carried out," he said.

Property records identify the site as MS/102/D in Sector D of Aliganj Scheme. Spread over 1,992sqft, it was allotted to Vijay Kumar through a lottery on July 11, 1980. In 2005, Vijay and his wife Usha acquired it through a registered sale deed. They sold it on Jan 19, 2013, to Virendra Pratap Shukla and Surendra Pratap Shukla.

The building plan was approved for residential use on Aug 20, 2014, under a self-approval scheme. But alleged construction beyond the sanctioned plan soon put it in LDA's crosshairs.

LDA registered a case against Virendra in 2016 and ordered demolition of unauthorised portions on May 10 that year. The order was revoked on July 5 — less than 2 months later.

That reversal has now come back to haunt the authority after the fire deaths in a building that on paper was meant to be a home, not a commercial hub.

In KEM row, Maha mantri likens British king to Kasab

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Mumbai: Condemning the British royal after whom the King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital is named, Maharashtra's skill development minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha Tuesday called him "King Kasab who looted India and killed lakhs of Indians" while explaining in the legislative council why he had proposed a change in name for the facility.

KEM Hospital, named after King Edward VII, was founded in 1926 in memory of the British monarch who reigned from 1901 until his death in 1910. Lodha, who is also the Mumbai suburban guardian minister, did not refer to any specific period when he spoke about the deaths of countless Indians under the British rule.

The issue was raised in the council during the question hour by Sena UBT MLC Milind Narvekar who asked why the state govt was not focusing on more vital issues such as lack of infrastructure at the hospital, pointing out that Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors also had opposed the name change.

KEM hospital, Mumbai

He said King Edward had funded the setting up of the hospital during the plague epidemic. The hospital, he said, was globally respected and it was only for political reasons that a conspiracy had been hatched to change its name. "This will erase the hospital's historic legacy. There is a lack of doctors, cleanliness. Instead of working on these issues, why is there a need felt to change the hospital's name," asked Narvekar. MLC Anil Parab said changing the name of KEM Hospital would risk changing its historic, global identity.

Responding to the debate, minister Uday Samant said Lodha had written to the civic health committee to change the name and the panel had forwarded the proposal to govt. Samant said issues such as the impact of name change on degrees given to thousands of students will be studied. Samant said govt has taken no decision on changing the name of the hospital, adding it would defer to the views of Mumbaikars.

The House had then moved to other business when Lodha sought to make a statement which was disallowed. However, he persisted saying he was at the hospital for a function when he was asked to propose the name change and he had proposed three names. "They said King Edward gave money. This is absolutely false. King Edward did not give any money. King Edward looted India and took it to England. King Edward was King Kasab. He killed lakhs of Indians," he said.

Woman held for sex abuse of boy for 2 yrs

Agra: A married woman in her late 30s has been arrested and sent to jail in UP's Aligarh district for allegedly sexually abusing a 17-year-old Class XII student for more than two years, reports **Mohammad Dilshad**. Police said the harassment began when the boy was 14.

According to the police, the accused forced the minor, a relative, into a physical relationship. She allegedly said if he refused her or tried to end the relationship, she would file a false rape case against him and have him imprisoned.

The boy eventually confided in his family and his mother subsequently filed a police complaint, stating that her son had been living in constant fear due to the relentless blackmail and abuse.

DK Sisodia, SHO of Iglas police station, said. "The accused has been sent to jail. Further investigation is being conducted." An FIR was lodged under BNS sections related to rape of a person under 16 and provisions of Pocso Act.

Families from 4 states take children home in shrouds

Lucknow: Four states. Fifteen young lives. One fire that turned career dreams into funeral journeys. Monday's blaze at an animation and gaming training centre in Lucknow's Aliganj killed trainees and young professionals aged 18 to 30, leaving families from UP, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana to carry home children who had left seeking work, stability and dignity, reports **Pathikrit Chakraborty**.

Eleven victims were from UP, two from Bengal and one each from MP and Haryana.

At the trauma centre of King George's Medical University in Lucknow, disbelief hung heavy. Families waited Tuesday for bodies they could not bring themselves to identify.

"It was just a five-second call... 'Papa, Papa, please save me'..." said Narendra Kunwar. "And then the line went dead."

Bhavishya (23) had only just found his footing. His father, a Hindi teacher in Haryana's Sonepat, had celebrated days earlier after his son got an animator's job. Sweets were distributed in their village. "Instead of bringing him home with pride, I am taking back his shroud," Kunwar said.

A few steps away, Jayant Chakraborty, a Coal India officer from Anuppur in MP, said, "I saw my son's death on TV... I still can't believe it."

His son, Jaineel (26), had spent years chasing a career in animation. He began working in 2024. "We thought he was building a future," his father said. "We didn't know we were sending him to his end."

Anamika Samanta (30) had called her mother, Sulekha, in Kolkata before leaving for work, as she did every day. "We spoke... like always," Sulekha said. "I never thought that was goodbye."

"Only her face was intact... that's how we knew it was her," a relative said.

Her cousin Saumalya (24) also died in the blaze. "I never imagined I would see my son like this... wrapped in a shroud," father Tapan Bera said.

TN gas leak deaths uncover Odisha Aadhaar fraud

Bhubaneswar: A probe by Odisha govt into the Tamil Nadu ammonia gas leak tragedy has led to the discovery of an Aadhaar card racket, where multiple labourers have been securing jobs using one, or even fictitious, cards, reports **Diana Sahu**.

Odia woman Purnima Juanga, identified as one of the deceased in the gas leak, was found to be alive and working in Andhra Pradesh. The Aadhaar card registered with the seafood processing factory in Tiruvallur district where the gas leak occurred was not hers, raising serious questions about the identity verification process used for recruiting workers.

An inquiry by the labour and ESI department in Keonjhar revealed that Aadhaar cards belonging to other individuals were used to secure jobs for many workers at the TN factory. "They were reportedly taken to the factory by Srikant Juanga, who had earlier worked there as a supervisor," said Keonjhar district labour officer Akash Bisoyi. "Adolescent girls who did not possess Aadhaar cards were allegedly provided documents belonging to other individuals by Srikant," Bisoyi said. Officials said the women who died were part of a group of 18-20 workers who travelled to TN last Oct.

Ammonia leak toll rises to 9

One more worker died Tuesday, taking the toll from Sunday's ammonia gas leak at a seafood processing unit in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvallur district to nine — all of them women.

The number of people under treatment fell to 69, the health department bulletin said.

Six of the deceased were from Odisha and two from Assam, while the identity of one of the deceased is yet to be confirmed. At least 29 people from Odisha, 19 from Assam and eight from Jharkhand remain hospitalised. The home state of four more patients is yet to be confirmed. TNN

Decades Ago, They Roamed High-Altitude Grasslands As It Was A Connected Landscape. But Their Return May Be Due To Climate Change, Habitat Fragmentation

Elephants are heading up Nilgiri hills, and it's worrying ecologists

UPWARD TREND: Earlier sighted only in the plains, of late there have been reports of elephants wandering into Ooty villages as seen in this screen grab (inset)

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An elephant wandered into a private hospital in Ooty last fortnight. Wildlife experts say that, more than unusual, it is concerning. What was an elephant doing on the upper plateau of the Nilgiris, an area not usually associated with regular elephant movement?

The incident was the fourth or fifth such sighting in Ooty and the surrounding parts of the upper plateau in recent months. While elephants enter villages, farms and towns in the foothills and plains, such as the Gudalur–Mudumalai region, they prefer lower elevations where water and food are easier to find.

One significant factor is the rapid degradation of their natural habitat, primarily due to invasive species and weeds, says N Lakshminarayanan, elephant expert at the World Wildlife Fund. "Climate change, which leads to fluctuating temperatures, changing water patterns and diminishing water sources, contributes to shifting dynamics in an elephant's environment." The rise in global temperatures, he says, is contributing to desertification, which is expanding arid regions and transforming formerly lush grasslands and forests into drier landscapes. "Consequently, the availability of suitable living spaces for elephants is decreasing, compelling them to occupy smaller, more fragmented areas on the plains, while also leading them to seek higher elevations in hilly regions."

Lakshminarayanan adds that the increased frequency and intensity of wildfires, often exacerbated by prolonged drought, further degrade elephant habitats. "These fires destroy vegetation and disrupt ecosystems, potentially resulting in long-term alterations to forest composition, thereby rendering some areas unsuitable for elephant habitation. It is also possible that in some regions, the elephant population is increasing, leading them to explore new areas as they search for space."

It's not a new phenomenon, says M Mohan Kumar, an elephant expert attached to the NGO Osai. Elephants mapped the hills for British engineers, according to a report by conservationist and naturalist E R C Davidar, who, in 1978, conducted the first study in India on elephant corridors. Davidar had said that British engineers opening up the hills to traffic followed some of the elephant trek routes to lay roads, as they found the animals had done the gradient survey for them.

"The study aimed to investigate barriers to elephant movement in the Nilgiri Hills and suggest positive measures to facilitate movement by establishing corridors," says Mohan. Initially unpublished, the report was released in 2011 and was supported by the Asian Elephant Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Species Survival Commission.

According to Davidar's research, elephants followed specific migratory routes from the plains to the plateaus. However, after the arrival of the British, these paths were disrupted as engineers constructed roads along them. Davidar highlights routes such as those from Mettupalayam to Kunjapanai and Mamaram, as well as the Kalhatty Road connecting Masinagudi to Ooty.

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"This suggests that elephants roamed the hills centuries ago. Elephants are great wanderers. In the Nilgiris, they can move both laterally and vertically. Calves born in high-activity areas, such as Coimbatore, lose their fear of humans. When males leave their herd at puberty, they are less fearful of human-modified areas and often explore new habitats in the hills," says Mohan.

The upper plateau of the Nilgiri mountains, covering roughly 900sqkm at more than 1,500m, previously featured southern montane grasslands and subtropical hill forests (sholas). "Since the 1850s, much of this landscape has been lost to plantations and urban expansion, with only the southwest retaining some original habitat."

But, says Lakshminarayan, while this may be a natural expansion of the ecosystem, we haven't observed such changes in the past century or so, which raises concerns. "In Arunachal Pradesh, in the northeastern Himalayas, a fortnight ago, WWF camera traps captured images of elephants on a plateau nearly 3,400m high. This elevation is considered the highest recorded for elephants in India and possibly in the world for Asian elephants."

Srinivas R Reddy, head of the Tamil Nadu forest department, says, "Increased crop cultivation near forest areas has led to more conflicts, linked to human activities, but the incident may have also been a stray movement."

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ON THE MOVE

- Elephants are highly adaptable; **they learn new movement routes**
- **Conservation efforts have increased elephant numbers in protected areas,** leading to increased dispersal into surrounding regions
- **Elephants are increasingly drawn to garbage dumps, fruit-bearing trees, vegetable farming, and stored grains.** Human settlements often offer calorie-rich food that is easier to access than forest forage

Zip file fraud: Scammers pose as bosses, dupe firms of ₹3.5cr

ONE WHATSAPP MESSAGE, CRORES GONE

HOW TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST IMPERSONATION SCAMS

- Fraudsters impersonate CEOs or MDs of companies on WhatsApp and ask employees to transfer money urgently
- If you receive such a message, verify the sender's phone number and speak to the person directly before transferring any funds
- Companies can use tools such as Mobile Device Management (MDM) to secure mobile devices and Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) to contain malware or ransomware attacks
- If a file from an unknown number appears suspicious, scan it on **virustotal.com** before opening it

RECENT CASES

June 2026: A deputy manager transferred **₹10.4 crore** in 63 transactions after receiving WhatsApp messages from a fraudster posing as his company's executive director

June 2026: A CFO transferred **₹7.6 crore** in four RTGS transactions after a fraudster, using a former PM's son's photo on WhatsApp, asked him to send money to a bank account. Police later froze 70% of the amount.

"Organisations need to build a culture where employees feel empowered to verify unusual requests involving money, sensitive data or access privileges, regardless of who appears to be making the request. Verification should not be viewed as questioning authority

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Mateen Hafeez & Nitasha Natu | TNN

Mumbai: A sophisticated new form of impersonation fraud is targeting business groups and companies by combining social engineering with malware deployment. Scammers are now gaining unauthorized access to employees' mobile devices to alter contact lists and impersonate company heads.

Two firms recently fell victim to this tactic, losing a combined Rs 3.48 crore after their accountants were tricked into transferring money to fraudsters. In the first incident, an aluminium supplying and trading firm fell victim to a highly targeted attack that resulted in a loss of Rs 1.98 crore. The breach began in the evening on June 11 when the company's accountant received a malicious zip file from an unknown mobile number. Unaware of the danger, she opened the file, which immediately granted the fraudster remote access to her phone. According to the FIR (lodged by cyber police), the fraudster stealthily altered her phone contact list -- blocking the actual MD's number and saving his own number under the MD's name.

Posing as the MD over WhatsApp, the fraudster initiated a conversation over WhatsApp and directed the accountant to urgently release Rs 1.98 crore of the firm's funds to a bank account in Gurgaon. Trusting the request, the accountant instructed her subordinate to make the transfer between June 11 and 15. She eventually found out that she had been scammed and approached police who froze Rs 87.04 lakh of the transferred funds.

In an almost identical playbook unfolding around the same period, a luxury gold jewellery design firm was defrauded of Rs 1.5 crore. The fraudster targeted a junior accountant at the firm, using the same tactic of sending a malicious zip file. Once the file was opened, the fraudster gained control of the phone, blocked the company director's mobile number and saved his own number under the director's name.

The fraudster then posed as the director over WhatsApp, sending instructions to the junior accountant to transfer Rs 1.5 crore to the Ghaziabad-based bank account of a garments trader. The junior accountant consulted a senior accountant, and believing the order came directly from the top, they executed the transfer between June 12 and 16.

"While these specific attacks targeted mobile devices, malicious files could infect desktops and laptops too, potentially causing catastrophic damage to an enterprise," said cybersecurity expert Nikhil Mahadeshwar, who is working with police on analyzing these malicious zip files. "Companies must deploy security tools capable of containing, investigating, and remediating cyberattacks," he said.

The cyber police, led by DCP Bajrang Bansode, recently hosted a session for business houses to create awareness on impersonation scams and share prevention strategies.

Won't be corrupt, won't spare those who were in the past, says TN CM

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Responding to criticism that his administration was a "sofa model govt", CM Vijay said those interested in conducting furniture, sofa and table business should keep it outside the assembly

Chennai: Chief minister C Joseph Vijay on Tuesday delivered his first reply to the governor's address in the assembly, reiterating his govt would neither allow anyone to misuse public money nor spare those who did so in the past.

Vijay rebutted charges that he was a political novice and defended his fledgling govt's 40-day track record, including the launch of the Singappen scheme. He reiterated that the TVK govt would not adopt a confrontational approach with the Union govt, but would not compromise on the state's rights.

Vijay blamed the previous DMK govt for the prevailing law and order situation, crimes against women and frequent power cuts. He urged people to give his govt time to fix the fiscal system and fulfil the poll promises.

The chief minister, who spoke for nearly an hour, began his address, dismissing the criticism of his being a "reels govt", which is a result of just two years of politics. Vijay said his public outreach began in the 1990s and recalled his involvement in protests on jallikattu, Sterlite and NEET. "In the last two years, we faced immense trouble and suffered pain. We had to take the blame for no fault of ours," he said, in a reference to Karur stampede, in which 41 people died at his rally in Sept 2025.

Vijay said his govt launched the Singappen special force, provided 200 units of free power, waived crop loans, shut down 717 Tasmac outlets and secured a shipbuilding project for Tuticorin. "This is just a sample," Vijay said, promising more schemes.

Describing the administration as a "common man's govt", Vijay said it would neither take money from the people nor allow others to do so. "We will not touch public money. We will also not let others touch it; we will not spare those who touched it in the past," he said to thumping of desks by TVK ministers and MLAs.

Referring to concerns raised by DMK president M K Stalin over law and order, Vijay said the deterioration did not begin after TVK assumed office on May 10. The present situation, including the drug menace, was the result of the previous govt's failure to act at an early stage, he said.

Noting that there were eight dalit ministers and four women ministers in his cabinet, Vijay asked whether those who claimed to be champions of social justice and protectors of women had provided similar representation in their cabinets.

He rejected the charge that the TVK govt existed because of DMK's support. "This govt was formed with the support of the people," he said, pointing out that the Left parties had publicly stated that their decision to support TVK was their own. Responding to the criticism that his administration was a "sofa model govt", Vijay said those interested in conducting furniture, sofa and table business should keep it outside the assembly.

Vijay turned assembly into shooting spot: Udhayanidhi

Chennai: Leader of opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Tuesday charged that CM C Joseph Vijay has turned the assembly into a "shooting spot". Speaking to reporters outside the assembly after he walked out from the session, Udhayanidhi said Vijay delivered a 'scripted performance' instead of answering questions raised by the opposition.

"Vijay came to the house with a script, spoke like an actor delivering memorised dialogues. He behaved like an actor who doesn"t want anyone to interrupt him until he completed his performance. He turned assembly into a shooting spot," Udhayanidhi said.

He said the assembly was also turned into a cinema theatre at times. "Members have started whistling. Soon they may also dance. Such scenes were hitherto never witnessed in the house," he said.

Udhayanidhi said opposition members listened patiently to Vijay's speech but rose in protest when CM made "baseless allegations." The former deputy CM said he sought permission to raise a point of order and demand evidence for the charges but was not allowed to intervene. TNN

Doval & Chinese FM have stressed progress towards 'gradual normalisation' of ties: MEA

Times News Network

New Delhi: NSA **Ajit Doval**, in his meeting with Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi, underlined that stable, predictable and constructive bilateral relations will contribute to enhanced trust and deeper understanding between the two sides.

Doval also emphasized the importance of sensitivity being consistently displayed to each other's issues of core concern. "This would be in keeping with our overall approach of mutual sensitivity, mutual interests and mutual respect," said ministry of external affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal. The meeting took place on the margins of the meeting of the Brics NSAs.

A Chinese readout had earlier said it is imperative to respect each other's core interests, properly handle sensitive issues, and place the China-India border issue in an appropriate position, so that it doesn't affect the overall situation of bilateral relations.

The two sides should also actively guide all sectors of society to form a correct understanding, and lay a solid public opinion and social foundation for improving bilateral ties, said the Chinese readout. "China supports India in fulfilling its responsibilities as the rotating chair of Brics, and is willing to join hands with India in promoting the development and growth of the Brics mechanism," the Chinese readout said. In the meeting, Chinese foreign minister Wang had said that as the two economies with largest populations, China and India should not only view bilateral relations from a long-term perspective, but also promote cooperation between the two countries from a global perspective.

Meanwhile, India's ambassador to China Vikram Doraiswami on Tuesday called on Indian Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi and exchanged views on the changing regional and global strategic environment.

They also assessed measures aimed at deepening existing frameworks for bilateral cooperation and dialogue between India and China. "The discussions centred on the evolving regional and global strategic landscape," Army said.

Mum hospital joins global trial to find better antibiotics for newborn sepsis

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Mumbai: Civic-run Sion Hospital is one of the Indian centres participating in a major international clinical trial aimed at identifying more effective antibiotic treatments for neonatal sepsis, a life-threatening infection that kills lakhs of newborns each year.

The trial, called NeoSep1, has been organised by the Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership Foundation, which was co-founded by the World Health Organization in 2016.

"We will soon start the trial, which will run for at least three years," said Dr Swati Manerkar, who heads the neonatology department of Sion Hospital. Recruitment has already begun at the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research in Puducherry and Pt B D Sharma PGIMS in Rohtak.

The NeoSep1 study aims to enrol 3,000 newborns across hospitals in Asia and Africa. Besides India, participating countries include Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Malaysia and Uganda.

Neonatal sepsis is a bloodstream infection that affects up to three million newborns globally every year. However, in recent years, it has become more difficult to treat due to the emergence of superbugs that are increasingly difficult to treat with the existing antibiotics.

"With underdeveloped immune systems, newborns are especially prone to life-threatening sepsis," said Sally Ellis, children's antibiotics project leader at GARDP, in a statement. "The antibiotics for newborns that we have relied on for decades are failing against resistant infections in many hospital settings."

The new trial will evaluate and rank several antibiotic combinations and hopes to identify the most effective treatment options. An earlier trial in South Africa and Kenya in 2023 established appropriate dosing of antibiotics fosfomycin and flomoxef for newborns when used in combination with other drugs.

Dr Nishad Plakkal, principal investigator for the NeoSep1 trial in India and head of neonatology at JIPMER, said, "Every day doctors face the heartbreaking reality of losing babies to sepsis due to lack of safe and effective treatments. Having the right antibiotics at the right dose can tip the balance between life and death."

The urgency of the effort is underscored by growing antimicrobial resistance. According to estimates from the Global Research on Antimicrobial Resistance study, nearly 2.4 lakh newborn deaths across South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania in 2019 were associated with antimicrobial resistance, including over 63,000 deaths directly caused by infections that no longer responded to standard antibiotics.

Researchers hope findings from NeoSep1 will lead to safer, affordable and more effective treatment options for newborns with sepsis, particularly in low- and middle-income countries where the burden of the disease is greatest.

WHAT IS NEONATAL SEPSIS?

- A severe bloodstream infection affecting newborns in the first 28 days after birth
- It can be caused by bacteria, viruses or fungi and may lead to organ failure or death if not treated quickly
- It's the 2nd leading cause of newborn deaths worldwide
- India has one of the world's highest burdens, with nearly **17,000 cases** per 1 lakh live births
- The infection could present as septicemia, pneumonia, meningitis, urinary tract infection and other serious illnesses

WHY THE NEW TRIAL?

- Many antibiotics are becoming less effective because of rising antimicrobial resistance. There is an urgent need for safer and more effective treatment options for newborns
- The international NeoSep1 trial is testing and comparing antibiotic combinations for babies with sepsis
- In 2019, an estimated 2.4L newborn deaths in South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania were linked to drug-resistant infections

Guards busy with reels, lifer flees UP jail

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CAUGHT REELING

Meerut: Eleven prison officials and staff faced action after a convict serving life term in a child-rape case escaped from the high-security Central Jail in Bareilly (pic) as guards deployed for surveillance were busy watching social media reels on their mobile phones.

Among those suspended were jailer Neeraj Kumar, deputy jailer Vandana Choudhary and seven lower staffers. Strict departmental action has been recommended against senior jail superintendent Avinash Gautam. "Action has been taken against the personnel for dereliction of duty," DG (prisons) PC Meena told **TOI** on Tuesday.

The convict, Dinesh, 22, was sent to a farm adjacent to the jail for routine work with 45 other inmates on Monday afternoon. Around 10 staff were deputed to watch the group, but at 12.30pm, he scaled the boundary wall and fled. A jail official said the initial inquiry found that some guards were distracted when the convict escaped. "They were busy watching reels on their mobile phones instead of keeping watch over inmates. Dinesh used that lapse to scale the wall and escape," the official said.

The escape has embarrassed prison authorities because it is the second such breach in less than a year. In Oct 2024, Harpal, a murder convict, had escaped, following which staff were suspended and an FIR was registered.

Central Jail, Bareilly, is among UP's most sensitive prisons and houses several high-profile inmates in high-security barracks. Despite CCTV coverage, an in-house police post and additional security measures, the repeat escape has raised questions over staff deployment and prisoner supervision.

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No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 19/06/2026. The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in.** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login →E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/P/ CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340721 or AMM/P, 9163342746. **Office Address:** Office of The PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan. **Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: 91260251. Brief Description of Item:** Silicon Impregnating Resin Silres H62C OR Equivalent, Specification No. 4TMS.096.093 ALT 1, STR NO CLW/TM/STR/12100 REV-1 **[Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]. **Quantity:** 19468.00kg. **Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):** ₹ 2000000.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 18/08/2026 at 11:00 hrs.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to enter into a joint development agreement with below mentioned owners **("Owners")** in relation to the properties described in the Schedule below **("Schedule Properties")**. The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of the properties and no other person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has any manner of right, title, or interest thereon.

Public are notified that any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) having any right, title, claim, interest or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever to the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents within **21 (Twenty One) days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the Owners have a clear, marketable title and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever, to the Schedule Properties as mentioned herein below and that no person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has any claim, right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever over the Schedule Properties or any part thereof and our client will then proceed to complete their Proposed Transaction with respect to the Schedule Properties. Further, claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall thereafter not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All the properties described below are situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District:

Survey Nos.	Owners	Extent			Boundaries			
		A	G	K	East by:	West by:	North by:	South by:
24/1	Narayanamma, K.R. Raju, K.R.Lakshminaraya, K.R.Jayaram and K.R.Manjula	01	09	01	Survey number 24/5 & 24/6	Survey number 25/3	Road and survey number 15	Survey number 24/3
24/3	V. Raghavendra Raju and V. Venkata Subba Raju	00	12	00	Survey number 24/6	Survey number 26/3	Survey number 24/1	Survey number 24/4
24/4		00	10	00	Survey number 24/6	Survey number 26/3	Survey number 24/3	Lake side
24/5	K.A. Narendra Babu	00	35½	01	Survey number 24/7, 24/8 & 24/9	Survey number 24/1	Road & survey number 15	Survey number 24/6
24/6	A.Siddagangadhar	00	35½	00	Survey number 24/9	Survey number 24/1, 24/3 & 24/4	Survey number 24/5	Lake side
24/7	K.R. Raju, K.R. Lakshminarayan and K.R. Jayaram	00	09	01	Survey number 24/2	Survey number 24/5	Road & Survey number 15	Survey number 24/8
24/8	Sunanadamma @ Subbamma	00	27 ½	03	Survey number 24/2	Survey number 24/5	Survey number 24/7	Survey number 24/9
24/9	A. Shivashankar	00	27 ½	03	Survey number 24/2	Survey number 24/5 & 24/6	Survey number 24/8	Lake side

Sd/-
N.K. Dilip / S. Raghu Nandana
Tatva Legal Bangalore, Advocates
4th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle,
No. 46, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru - 560042

Date : 24.06.2026
Place : Bengaluru

North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd.
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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to **Advertisement. No. NEEPCO-02/2026** dated **23.06.2026**, this is to inform all concerned that the post at Sl. No. 12, Executive (HR) (CSR), stands cancelled due to administrative reasons. The inconvenience caused in this regard is regretted.

General Manager (HR),
Talent Acquisition, NEEPCO Ltd.

Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Applications for the post of Chairman & Managing Director in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)

Last Date of receipt of application in Department of Telecommunications is by **15.00 hours** on **22.07.2026**.

For details login to website
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[Advt No. AIIMS/MG/Committee/Ph.D/2026 dtd. 22-06-2026]

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree
Admission Notice for the Session July-2026

AIIMS Mangalagiri invites applications for admission into **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree** for the session July-2026.

The candidates who wish to apply submit the duly filled and signed application form along with the required documents to pa.deana@aiimsmangalagiri.edu.in.

Important Dates:
- **Application Starting Date:** 22.06.2026
- **Application Closing Date:** 19.07.2026
- **Entrance Examination:** 23.07.2026 (11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

For the Prospectus, Detailed Admission Notice, Application Form, and other details, please visit **www.aiimsmangalagiri.edu.in/admissioncategory/ph-d-admission/** Candidates are advised to visit the website regularly for Updates, Corrigendum, and Addendum.

Sd/-, Dean (Academic), AIIMS, Mangalagiri

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
बेंगलूरु क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय

सार्वजनिक सूचना

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने श्री महालक्ष्मी अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव क्रेडिट बैंक लिमिटेड, गोकक, कर्नाटक का लाइसेंस रद्द किया।

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने बैंककारी विनियमन अधिनियम, 1949 की धारा 56 के साथ पठित धारा 22 के अंतर्गत 16 जून, 2026 के आदेश के तहत "श्री महालक्ष्मी अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव क्रेडिट बैंक लिमिटेड, गोकक, कर्नाटक" का लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिया है। परिणामस्वरूप, बैंक का 18 जून, 2026 को कारोबार की समाप्ति से बैंकिंग व्यवसाय करना बंद कर दिया गया है। सहकारी समितियों के रजिस्ट्रार, कर्नाटक से भी बैंक को बंद करने और बैंक के लिए परिसमापक नियुक्त करने का आदेश जारी करने का अनुरोध किया गया है।

रिज़र्व बैंक ने बैंक का लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिया है, क्योंकि:

1. बैंक के पास पर्याप्त पूंजी और उपार्जन की संभावनाएं नहीं हैं। इस प्रकार, यह बैंककारी विनियमन अधिनियम, 1949 की धारा 56 के साथ पठित धारा 11(1) और धारा 22(3)(डी) के प्रावधानों का अनुपालन नहीं करता है;
2. बैंककारी विनियमन अधिनियम, 1949 की धारा 56 के साथ पठित धारा 22(3)(ए), 22(3)(बी), 22(3)(सी), 22(3)(डी) और 22(3)(ई) की आवश्यकताओं का पालन करने में बैंक विफल रहा है;
3. बैंक का बने रहना उसके जमाकर्ताओं के हितों के प्रतिकूल है;
4. अपनी वर्तमान वित्तीय स्थिति के साथ बैंक अपने मौजूदा जमाकर्ताओं को पूरा भुगतान करने में असमर्थ होगा; और
5. यदि बैंक को अपना बैंकिंग कारोबार आगे जारी रखने की अनुमति दी जाती है तो जनहित पर इसका प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा।

2. इसके लाइसेंस को रद्द करने के परिणामस्वरूप, " श्री महालक्ष्मी अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव क्रेडिट बैंक लिमिटेड, गोकक, कर्नाटक" को 'बैंकिंग' का कारोबार करने से तत्काल प्रभाव से प्रतिबंधित किया गया है, जिसमें अन्य बातों के अलावा, जमा स्वीकार करना और जमाराशियों की चुकौती शामिल है, जैसा कि बैंककारी विनियमन अधिनियम, 1949 की धारा 56 के साथ पठित धारा 5 (बी) में परिभाषित किया गया है।

3. परिसमापन पर, प्रत्येक जमाकर्ता निक्षेप बीमा और प्रत्यय गारंटी निगम (डीआईसीजीसी) से ₹ 5,00,000/- (रुपये पांच लाख मात्र) की मौद्रिक सीमा तक अपनी जमाराशियों की जमा बीमा दावा राशि प्राप्त करने का हकदार होगा, जो डीआईसीजीसी अधिनियम, 1961 के प्रावधानों के अधीन होगा। बैंक द्वारा प्रस्तुत आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 97.90% जमाकर्ता डीआईसीजीसी से अपनी पूरी जमा राशि प्राप्त करने के हकदार हैं। 09 जून, 2026 तक, डीआईसीजीसी ने बैंक के संबंधित जमाकर्ताओं से प्राप्त सहमति के आधार पर डीआईसीजीसी अधिनियम, 1961 की धारा 18ए के प्रावधानों के तहत कुल बीमित जमा राशि में से ₹88.21 करोड़ रुपये का भुगतान पहले ही कर दिया है।

बेंगलूरु **हस्ता./**
दिनांक : 24 जून 2026 **क्षेत्रीय निदेशक**

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
Bengaluru Regional Office

Public Notice

RBI cancels the licence of Shree Mahalaxmi Urban Co-operative Credit Bank Ltd., Gokak, Karnataka

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), vide order dated June 16, 2026, has cancelled the licence of "Shree Mahalaxmi Urban Co-operative Credit Bank Ltd., Gokak, Karnataka", under Section 22 read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (BR Act). Consequently, the bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on June 18, 2026. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Karnataka has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank.

The Reserve Bank cancelled the licence of the bank as:

i. The bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As such, it does not comply with the provisions of Section 11(1) and Section 22(3)(d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
ii. The bank has failed to comply with the requirements of Sections 22(3)(a), Sections 22(3) (b), 22(3)(c), 22(3)(d) and 22(3)(e) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
iii. The continuance of the bank will be prejudicial to the interests of its depositors.
iv. The bank with its present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full; and
v. Public interest would be adversely affected if the bank is allowed to carry on its banking business any further.

2. Consequent to the cancellation of its licence, "Shree Mahalaxmi Urban Co-operative Credit Bank Ltd., Gokak, Karnataka" is prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes, among other things, acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits as defined in Section 5(b) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, with immediate effect.

3. On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of ₹5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh only) from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), subject to the provisions of DICGC Act, 1961. As per the data submitted by the bank, about 97.90% of the depositors were entitled to receive full amount of their deposits from DICGC as on date of imposition of All Inclusive Directions. As on June 09, 2026, DICGC has already paid ₹88.21 crore of the total insured deposits under the provisions of Section 18A of the DICGC Act, 1961, based on the willingness received from the concerned depositors of the bank.

Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Date: June 24, 2026 **Regional Director**

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For detailed advertisement, please logon to our website: **www.career.opgc.co.in.** The last date for online application is **08-07-2026 and to receive the hardcopy of application is 17-07-2026.** Candidates are advised to go through the detailed advertisement carefully before applying. Corrigendum, if any will be published in our official website.

No. OPGC/CO/HR/01/2026 Dated: 24/06/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **M/s. KIMSONS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS,** a registered Partnership Firm, having its Office at No.4/2, Kimsons Building, 3rd Cross, Kalasipalyam New Extension, Bengaluru-560002, represented by its Partners : **(i)Mr.SALEEM ULLA @ G.MOHAMMED SALEEM ULLA** S/o late Mr.G.Mohammed Khasim **and (ii) Mr.K.MOHAMMED WAHEED REHMAN** S/o late Mr.G.Mohammed Khasim, represented by his GPA holder: **Mr.SALEEM ULLA @ G.MOHAMMED SALEEM ULLA**. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site/land bearing Sy.No.286/2**, having E.P.I.D.No.8000010217, measuring East to West (35.6+27.6)/2 Mtrs and North to South 76 Mtrs, in all measuring 2401.6 Sq.Mtrs, situated at **HRBR Layout 2nd Block**, Banasawadi Village, Bengaluru and bounded as follows:

East by : Road
West by : Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.286/2
North by : Road
South by : Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.286/2

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M, Advocate
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex,
22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari
BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that the Department of Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration had earlier fixed the last date for submission of admission forms for the **Group Home, Sector-31, Chandigarh** as **22.06.2026 (5:30 PM).** Applications are invited from eligible persons across India for admission to the Group Home, Sector-31, Chandigarh.

In order to provide wider opportunity to applicants, the last date has now been **extended to 31.12.2026 (5:30 PM).**

Interested guardians may download the application form from the official website: www.chdsw.gov.in. Eligibility criteria and other relevant details are available on the website. Applicants are advised to carefully read the terms and conditions before submission. For further details, applicants may visit the official website or contact the Department during working hours (9:30 AM - 5:30 PM).

The duly filled application form, along with requisite documents, must be submitted to the Department of Social Welfare, Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, Town Hall Extension Building, Near DC Office, Sector-17-C, Chandigarh. No application will be accepted after 31.12.2026.

Note: First preference will be given to residents of Chandigarh. In the event of non-availability of eligible candidates from Chandigarh, second preference shall be extended to residents of Panchkula and Mohali, followed by candidates from other States/UTs.

Director Social Welfare
Women and Child Development
Chandigarh Administration

COMPETENT AUTHORITY AND ADDITIONAL REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, REVENUE DEPARTMENT, BENGALURU DIVISION AND NODAL OFFICER, EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY (ECONOMIC OFFENCES) BENGALURU
2nd Floor, BMTC Building, Shanti Nagar, K.H Road, Bengaluru - 560027

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act. 2004(KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Competent Authority and Additional Regional Commissioner, Office of the Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru division is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.
The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004. Clear Title: RTC and Khata stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority

Short Description of the Immovable Property

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in Order No. Misc.No.414/2025 & 1204/2024)	RESERVE PRICE (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)	Clear Title	Remarks
1.	All the piece and parcel of the school premises named as 'Kanva Public School' builtup area 1042.80 sq.mts Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor in the said building situated on the land bearing Khata number 65, site numbers 65/69 to 65/78 in total 10 sites measuring 40 ft * 400 ft totally 16,000 sq.ft. developed in Sy.no.93/6 and 94/7 of Kanva Nagar, Danojipalya in Arishinakunte village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. **Google Location: https://maps.app.goo.gl/tjiAwYUFDMZJgnmo6, Latitude and Longitude: 13.082460, 77.403144**	**7,45,00,000/-** (Land Value Rs.4,89,69,565 + Building Rs.2,55,30,435/- Total Rs. 7,45,00,000/-) Rs. Seven Crores Forty Five Lakhs Only.	**14,90,000** Rs. Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only	**3,75,000** Rs. Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only	**Khata stands in the name of the Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority appointed by the Government of Karnataka**	A case is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in MFA 7922/2025. There is no interim order operating against the said property.
2.	Converted land in Sy No 5/4 measuring 2-37 A-G of Doddenahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Kortagere Taluk, Tumkur District out of which school premises is 0-26 guntas, comprising 1784. 425 Sq.ft Kanva International School building and remaining portion is vacant land. **Google Location: https://maps.app.goo.gl/6zaXPWtEu4HKSjbG9, Latitude and Longitude: 13.473623, 77.232849**	**3,62,00,000/-** (Land Value Rs.1,19,11,600 + Building Rs.2,42,88,400/- Total Rs. 3,62,00,000/-) Rs. Three Crores Sixty Two Lakhs Only.	**7,25,000** Rs. Seven Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand	**1,81,000** Rs. One Lakh Eighty One Thousand	**Khata stands in the name of the Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority appointed by the Government of Karnataka**	A case is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP 8764/2026. There is no interim order operating against the said property.

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Supermarket automatic doors open for me; therefore, I am

– CRAIG BRUCE

Unlock Safety

When electronic door locks jam, burning buildings become death traps. A fix must be found

A fire in a Lucknow commercial building left 15 people dead on Monday. The usual suspects – building code violations and civic neglect – are evident in the case already. But another factor demands urgent attention, because it's been making fires deadlier, by turning burning buildings into death traps. This new "danger" is the electronic door lock, also known as smart lock or biometric lock, depending on its features.

Just this year, dozens of people have perished inside burning buildings whose electronic door locks jammed. A fire in a Delhi house, in Jan, cost six lives. In March, a fire in Indore left eight dead. May saw another big one in Delhi, and a death toll of nine. June started with a massive hotel blaze in Delhi that left 21 dead. And now, we have the Lucknow fire. This is not an exhaustive list.

To be clear, we aren't against tech, generally, or electronic locks. But their role in building fires deserves investigation. In the early 2000s, this was a recurring problem with car door locks. Many people died after getting trapped inside burning cars. But regulators and manufacturers solved that problem. Now that electronic locks for homes and offices are becoming popular, a fix must be found for them quickly.

It's not that electronic locks are a new, untested gadget. They appeared in 1950s for bank vaults and other high-security establishments. But their recent democratisation has probably involved cost-saving measures. Experts say plastic parts inside locks can melt in a fire, and jam them. Whatever the cause, users need a foolproof overriding mechanism. If the electronic mechanism of the lock fails, it should unlock on its own, or at the press of a manual lever or button.

While new tech has its advantages, it becomes frustrating, and possibly dangerous, when you have no way to negotiate with it. For example, when you're chatting with a customer service bot. Or trying to operate a touchscreen with wet hands. Studies show that using a touchscreen infotainment system while driving increases driver response time several fold over drink driving at the legal limit. That's why, starting this year, cars won't get a 5-star Euro NCAP rating if they don't have physical buttons for key functions like horn, windshield wipers, etc. Electronic door locks for buildings should also have reliable manual override features, so that nobody ever gets locked in a burning building again.

The Other America

Iranians say thank you to Los Angeles, and remind everybody that football is still a great uniter

In America, Trump's America, the World Cup has met its most disagreeable host ever. Americans, however, are a study in contrast. Their own chanting and cheering is fire, but their real gift may be the enthusiasm with which they adopt everyone else's songs. Even the Iranian national team, put through US hoops that've made it "the most oppressed one" indeed, has felt this warmth. "Thank you, Los Angeles, for your hospitality," says the beautifully penned message they left behind in the locker room, after holding heavily favoured Belgium to a 0-0 draw. It's actually an ode to a classic sporting virtue: Ability to separate people from govts.

Southern California also has a large enough Iranian diaspora to be nicknamed Tehrangeles. They boo the Iranian anthem and cheer for the Iranian players. But LA's not alone. The party's travelling. Boston is awash in kilts. Lawrence, Kansas has opened its arms to Algeria. In Philly, Iraqi fans danced through rain, continuing to show support even after their team's defeat. And their energy didn't go unappreciated by the locals. New Yorkers have been grinning at Norway fans, adorned in Viking horns, "rowing" around Times Square. And as much as Americans have dissed Fifa's Trump-fawning Bible-belting countryish song *Lighter*, they've been enthusiastically learning foreign ones in the stands. Ecuador's irresistible *Sí se puede!* – Yes, it can be done! – has found plenty of new converts.

Sociologists have a weighty phrase to describe this magic: Collective effervescence, coined by Émile Durkheim. Basically, it's the good kind of group vibe. The joy of discovering common feelings across unfamiliar flags and languages. The Iranian note ends by wishing for "peace, respect, and friendship" among nations. Football makes that seem not impossible. Yes, the World Cup is the most commercialised spectacle on our planet. But a handwritten note has reminded everybody that its deepest enchantment is beyond money and marketing. It enables a sudden, improbable community with Others.

Seat 6A's Stowaway

How an AirPod's seen more of the world than its owner

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There are two kinds of travellers: those who pay for their seats, and those who are forgotten in them. To the second, and more fortunate, class one is proud to belong. One's escape began, as the best ones do, in seat 6A of United Flight UA 926, between San Francisco and Frankfurt. The owner, a gentleman who helps readers find their longings rather than mislaying his own, disembarked without me. One, meanwhile, had slipped into the upholstery and resolved to see the world.

At the counter he was informed that, as the aircraft was operated under a codeshare, his sorrow belonged to another address. So, he filed his complaint online, and entered into correspondence with a department named GenBag; and here the comedy ripened into art. Each morning the oracle called *Find My* told the truth: Brisbane, Coral Sea, Oakland, Queensland, an hour above the Pacific, and a descent upon Port Vila – a place the owner has never seen in 40 years of flying. He forwarded these bulletins faithfully; GenBag replied, with equal faith, that the location was not clear. It was perfectly clear. It was seat 6A. It is only the seat that travels.

They asked for the satellite view, then for a serial number, with instructions so long that the document explaining how to find the object grew longer than any attempt to find it. For the owner, the question was no longer the AirPod, but the process. Plus, he is jealous. There he sits, grounded in Mumbai, while his AirPod crosses the Pacific twice a week.

And so the matter was closed – until, in a final flourish of goodwill, United dispatched the recovered traveller by FedEx to the owner's son in Cupertino, who in turn couriered it across an ocean to Mumbai. The parcel arrived; the owner opened it with the trembling joy of a reunion – and found within an AirPod that was not his at all. Stranger still, the oracle called *Find My* went on insisting, with serene indifference, that his own AirPod remained exactly where it had chosen to be – above Houston, its battery still going strong.

There remains but one recourse left to a desperate man: to alert DHS that the AirPod travels on no valid visa, and ought, in national interest, to be deported back to India. One ought to lose oneself rather more often; it remains the only dependable way left of seeing the world.

Brit Of A Muddle, Old Chap

UK PMs don't last because they can't put sparkle back in a dull economy

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The hottest story in Britain could technically be summarised as follows: a guy with glasses in his 60s turns over his office to a guy with glasses in his 50s. Starmer, UK PM, has resigned and the coronation of his likely successor Andy Burnham appears inevitable.

No big point of principle was at stake in Starmer's exit, nor the other's entrance on the scene. No particular generational change is underway. Both men belong to the governing Labour Party, so the handover would hardly spell ructions. It is significant nonetheless for the story it tells of post-Brexit Britain's newest pastime: political musical chairs.

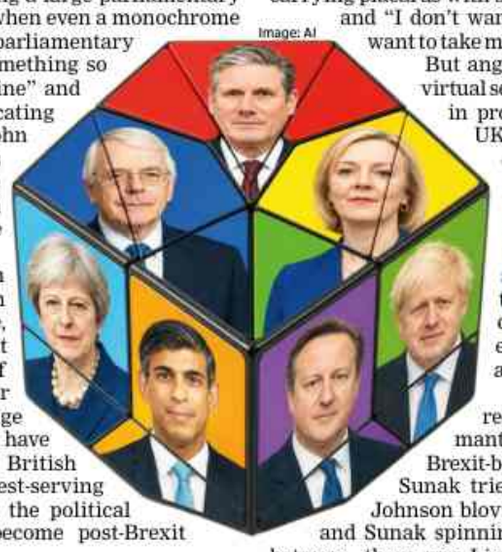
Britain is on the point of getting its seventh PM in 10 years. Once upon a time, Italy was mocked for its revolving door politics, with 68 govts since 1946. Now, Italy is a haven of relative calm, stability after nearly four years of Giorgia Meloni as leader. The revolving door would appear to have moved from the Italian PM's official residence, Palazzo Chigi, to Downing Street.

It can hardly be a coincidence this happened in the decade since Britain voted to leave EU. Starmer announced his departure through that revolving door the very week the Brexit referendum marked its 10th anniversary.

Many are asking if Britain has simply become ungovernable with a bloated state and public expectations to match. That it's too hard now to align a largely de-industrialised UK's straitened 21st century reality, with the rich, if controversial, backstory of this small sceptred isle. That this is especially true in the social media age when voters compare political delivery with their most recent experience buying a book or a bathmat online. Instant is good, they figure.

Starmer's exit has only sharpened the debate. He leaves halfway through his elected term having done nothing egregious – no scandals, corruption, or economic crises. In July 2024, he led Labour to a landslide majority after 14 years of Conservative govt. In the two years since, his govt passed solid laws to safeguard rights of tenants and workers, rolled out free school breakfast clubs, ended restrictions on onshore wind farms, and presided over falling rates of illegal migration, a hot button issue. It wasn't enough.

Two of Starmer's recent predecessors in the past decade – Cameron and Boris Johnson – also resigned within three years of winning a large parliamentary majority. Gone are the days when even a monochrome British PM with a slender parliamentary majority could prioritise something so dull as a traffic "cones hotline" and survive, despite the coruscating headlines and cartoons. John Major's 1992 innovation was widely ridiculed, but he still completed his PM-term and led his party into the next election.



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Starmer, like Major, is seen as the 'gray man' of British politics, unflashy in tone, taste, dress and aspect. But the torrential downpour of criticism directed at Starmer has been different in its rage and severity. Starmer will have an ignominious place in British political history as the shortest-serving Labour PM. He lost out in the political musical chairs that has become post-Brexit Britain's new normal.

Brexit has undeniably changed the playing field. Ten years on, the country's structural problems loom large: stagnant growth and strapped public services. Britain is poorer because goods exports to EU, still its largest trading partner, have slowed. Inward investment has declined on account of uncertainty over the business climate. UK's economy has taken a 6% hit from Brexit's effects, per an internal Bank of England analysis. The average British family is thousands of pounds a year worse off.

British public has made clear it feels Brexit's effects. A new poll by European Council on Foreign Relations think tank, found up to two-thirds of voters, across party lines, believe Brexit has driven up cost of living and reduced opportunities for young people. A London march, over the weekend, to rejoin EU, had some 1,500 demonstrators carrying placards with slogans such as "Brexit sucks" and "I don't want to take my country back, I want to take my country forward".

But angst on the streets and in some virtual settings has never been reflected in pronouncements of post-Brexit UK PMs. The euphemisms and doublespeak started with Cameron, the first of five Conservative PMs in the past Brexit decade. Cameron called the 2016 Brexit referendum, setting an inadequate, low threshold to enact radical change. He made a speedy exit from Downing Street after he lost the gamble.

His successor, Theresa May, restricted herself to the robotic mantra 'Brexit means Brexit'. Brexit-backers Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak tried to sidestep the issue with Johnson bloviating about "Global Britain" and Sunak spinning his managerial smarts. In between, there was Liz Truss, who spent a mere 49 disastrous days as PM and extolled the "freedoms of Brexit". Labour's Starmer offered a "make Brexit work" slogan, without ever saying why it might not.

The past decade has shown British politics increasingly hostile to making the tough, but necessary case for sustainable growth. It's not clear a new British PM can change the narrative. That would need a retelling of the story…warts and all. But could Britain bear it?

Two takeaways so far: Brazil's new game needed a new star. But goalies have been the real heroes

It's Vinícius, Not Neymar

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Carlo Ancelotti chewed his gum. Brazil was in deep trouble after the first 30 minutes of its World Cup debut – the first match without Neymar available since 2014. Bruno Guimarães passed to Vinicius Júnior, who cut inside to open up the angle. Ancelotti had seen this scene too many times managing Real Madrid, but not yet with Brazil. Without hesitation, Vinicius smashed it hard into the back of the net. It was a pivotal moment, the instant the plan started to work.

Playing for a global powerhouse like Brazil is a privilege few footballers ever get to experience, especially at a World Cup. The downside is the weight that comes with it. Brazil has not won the title since 2002 – 24 years now, the longest drought in its history alongside the gap between 1970 and 1994, the only other time the wait stretched that long since the country's first title, in 1958.

Since 2002, Brazil has stopped in the quarterfinals almost every time, with one exception – 2014, when the hosts were crushed by Germany in the semifinals. The 7-1 scoreline left a scar on every football fan in the country. That history is part of why Ancelotti's appointment feels, to many Brazilians, like a shot at redemption.

He is one of the most successful coaches in the world, but putting Brazil's pieces together has not been easy. Brazil is also mid-transition between generations, and Ancelotti's own experience with this group has been limited – barely 10 matches and a year in charge before the call-up to the tournament.

The Italian knew he would have to use the World Cup itself, and its training days between matches, to adjust the team live. The starting lineup against Morocco was a surprise, and it did not work. He was still testing formations before the Haiti game, and the starting XI was not settled until the day before.

Ancelotti has trusted the players he already knew from Europe: Vinicius, who flourished under him at Real Madrid; Raphinha, his old Clásico rival; Casemiro, with whom he worked successfully before; Danilo, Marquinhos, Bruno Guimarães.

The team was not built to depend on Vinicius – it was built to surround him with talent, work rate, and tactical intelligence, so that his dribbling, flair and decision-making at speed could shine, without the rest of the side leaning on him to do everything.

Brazil's debut showed a tense, nervous team. Morocco, fourth-place finishers at the last World Cup, made Brazil visibly uncomfortable from the start. It was a dreadful first half, with Casemiro and Bruno Guimarães badly exposed, and only Vinicius's brilliant solo goal salvaged a point.

Ahead of the Haiti game, there were calls for wholesale changes to the lineup. Ancelotti resisted the temptation to overhaul the team, and made two precise adjustments instead. The experienced Danilo came in for Ibañez at right back. And rather than dropping his most trusted lieutenant, Casemiro, Ancelotti moved him into a deeper, more central role, with Bruno Guimarães and Lucas Paquetá pushed a few steps ahead as the side's playmakers, and Matheus Cunha – one of the lineup's two changes – operating as a hybrid false 9 and attacking midfielder. This is Ancelotti's work at its finest: protection through structure, not punishment through omission.

The goals against Haiti were a product of that same structure. Cunha's brace and Vinicius's third all came from the midfield, winning the ball back through coordinated pressing, rather than through individual brilliance – something the team had lacked entirely in the first match.

Neymar, in his fourth World Cup, may finally make his debut in this one after a long absence. Neymar made the squad at the last minute, and there was real celebration in Brazil when he did. He remains a symbol for an entire generation of Brazilians. But this is not Neymar's Brazil anymore. The team's leading man, Vinicius, scored a stunning goal in the opener, and had a hand in all three goals against Haiti. More than ever, Brazil is leaning on him. And Vinicius, finally, looks ready to take the reins, not just for this World Cup, but for the generation that follows it.

Magicians Between Posts

Rudraneil Sengupta

In a thrill-a-minute World Cup, where goals are flying in at an unprecedented rate – 102 goals from 33 matches so far, at a rate of 3.1 goals per game, the highest since 1958 – consider the goalkeeper.

As the Uruguayan author Eduardo Galeano wrote in *Football in Sun and Shadow*, "He's alone, condemned to watch the game from afar. Never leaving the goal, his only company the three posts, he awaits his own execution by firing squad. They say where he walks, the grass never grows."

Yet, Alireza Beiranvand, the Iranian goalkeeper, is neither alone, nor dying. In an unyielding, riveting game where Iran held Belgium, one of the tournament favourites, to a stalemate, Beiranvand was the star. He made seven saves, and a dozen other goal-denying actions, including one of the saves of the tournament when he, stretching his 6ft 4 inch frame, his leonine mane flying, got his palm to an almost certain goal from a point-blank shot.

With this draw, Iran is just one win away from making it to the next round of the World Cup for the first time. Beiranvand is not alone. In fact, he is in stellar company, with Cape Verde's Vozinha, Curaçao's Eloy Room, Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al-Owais, and Japan's Suzuki Zion – all lighting up the tournament with athletic, acrobatic, skin-of-their-teeth wonder saves to keep the debutants and minnows in play.

Vozinha became the first obscure player to become an overnight sensation at this tournament, after Cape Verde's miraculous draw against Spain, where he smothered 23 chances, including eight saves. Curaçao's Room shrugged off the 7-1 hammering they received at the hands of Germany in their opening match, to make 15 saves against Ecuador. It's the World Cup record for the most number of saves in a match (which he holds jointly with former US keeper Tim Howard), and it earned the smallest, least populated country ever to play a World Cup, a precious point.

Al-Owais made nine spectacular reflex saves to earn the Saudis a draw against giants Uruguay. Suzuki made four brilliant saves in Japan's inspired 2-2 draw against Netherlands, and kept a clean sheet in a 4-0 victory over Tunisia.

If their work under the crossbars has been nothing short of exemplary, the stories of each of these custodians are equally compelling. Beiranvand was born into a nomadic Kurdish family, and spent his poverty-stricken childhood herding sheep. He had to run away from home as a teenager to chase his football dream, sleeping on the streets of Tehran, and doing whatever job came his way. In his sheep-herding days, Beiranvand, like other herders, had to throw rocks over long distances to keep predators away.

As a goalkeeper, he is known for his ability to launch the ball great distances with his hands, and holds the record for the longest such throw, a 200ft monster during a match against South Korea in 2016.

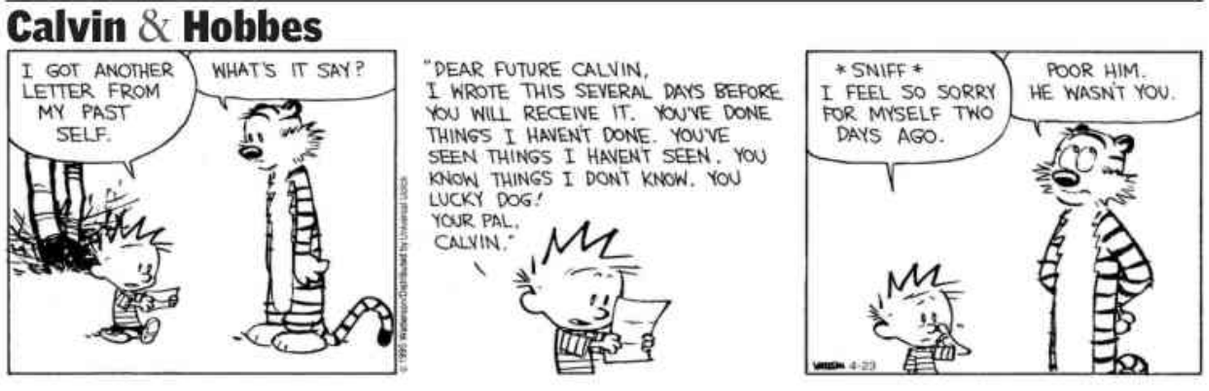
Vozinha turned pro at the late age of 25, and has played in anonymity for unknown lower division clubs for all of his career. He had almost retired when he answered the call to lead Cape Verde to a historic first World Cup at 40. His mother could not afford the visa fees to travel to US for the tournament. But helped by a Chinese businessman back in his island town, his mother applied for the visa, and is now in US to watch her son pull off more magic.

Room and Curaçao's presence at the World Cup is in itself the stuff of dreams. What makes Room's performance even more remarkable is that he spent most of last year without a club, and spent months prepping for the World Cup, training by himself.

Suzuki was born in New Jersey to a Ghanaian father and a Japanese mother, and the family moved to Japan when he was a baby. Suzuki rose through Japan's superb school football system, and at 16, became the youngest player to get signed by Japan's most fanatically followed team, Urawa Reds. Japan's xenophobic attitude towards mixed-race Japanese, meant that he has been subjected to racist trolling in his home country. Now he is a Japanese hero.

The goalkeeper is not alone anymore.

Calvin & Hobbes



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Law of Karma: You buy good potatoes and reject bad ones. The bad ones return in your life through samosa, burger, aalu chat, and chips.

WhatsApp Forward

Museums Of Unfinished Emotions

Jaggrat N Taneja

There's a quiet ache that our phones induce. Not through battery percentage or storage warnings, but through thousands of photographs we have saved. Somewhere between screenshots of bills, forgotten PDFs, and random selfies, there lives a picture of someone who no longer talks to us the same way. A smile that belonged to a different season of life. A sunset that once healed us for a moment. A dining table where everyone present in the frame was younger, happier, and still together. Our phones have become museums of unfinished emotions.

We click pictures, believing we are saving memories. Yet, strangely, the heart remembers what the camera never captures: the silence after laughter, warmth of a hand, petrichor on a particular evening, heaviness of a goodbye nobody saw coming. Photographs preserve faces. The heart preserves feelings. And perhaps that is why old pictures hurt sometimes. Because while the image remains untouched, people inside it keep changing. A child sitting on his father's shoulders in one photograph is now too busy answering corporate emails. Friends who were once inseparable now react to each other's stories with emojis. Someone who once occupied our entire gallery now survives only in archived folders and accidental memories. Life quietly moves from 'save image' to 'delete'.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Yet we rarely delete the important ones. Because we are emotional collectors. We store moments the way temples store prayers. Even when people leave, the memories continue paying rent inside us. A single photograph can travel faster than time itself. One late night, you open your photo gallery, and suddenly an old image appears, as if by destiny. For a few seconds, years collapse. You are no longer standing in your present life. You are back in that café, railway station, classroom, wedding hall, hospital corridor or that road trip, that ordinary evening which later became extraordinary through absence.

Perhaps this is why we keep taking pictures despite knowing that life cannot be paused. We are terrified of forgetting. But memory was never meant to be stored only in devices. The most sacred moments are not backed up on the cloud. They live silently within us, stitched into our breath, hidden in songs, attached to fragrances, awakened by festivals, rains, railway announcements, or certain dates on the calendar. The heart has its own gallery, and maybe wisdom lies in understanding this: every beautiful moment deserves to be fully lived before it becomes a photograph. In the end, life is not merely about the moments we capture; it is about letting go of moments that once held us in their thrall.

What's behind the fall of Bengal's chosen heir?

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As a crushing election defeat punctures the welfare-led 'Diamond Harbour Model', the sharp-suited Senapati faces a raw, old-school street rebellion from his own party

FIRST-TIME MP: Abhishek Banerjee after winning the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha seat **in 2014**

BIRTHDAY BASH IN 2024: Even less than two years back, supporters were lining up to shake his hands and greet him on his birthday

> **He is intelligent, dynamic and quick to sense a political opportunity. However, he tends to be authoritarian, rarely listening to colleagues who have spent decades longer in politics than him... I had to deal with his coterie but had no actual decision-making power**
>
> **— A Former TMC Minister**

> **After the defeat, no one was permitted to utter a single word of criticism against Abhishek. This included MLAs who had been serving in the Assembly since Abhishek was probably still in school. No one was allowed to go within a radius of one kilometre of him during programmes when Trinamool was in office**
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> **—Sandipan Saha** | EXPELLED TMC MLA

BAD NEWS COMES KNOCKING: Eggs and stones greeted Abhishek on a visit to a Kolkata suburb after the Bengal poll results earlier this year; (right) the TMC national general secretary visits the CID office in Kolkata for questioning in connection with a probe involving alleged forgery of MLAs' signatures for appointing the leader of the opposition in Bengal

For Abhishek Banerjee, everything changed on May 4. One moment he was the Yuvaraj — the prince — of Bengal, its Senapati, a suave 39-year-old tipped to succeed his aunt, Mamata Banerjee. The next, he was battling trouble from all quarters: party workers hurling eggs, the Enforcement Directorate grilling him, the CID questioning him as well, and, to top it all, no one around to watch his back.

Most of his old colleagues, who had until the other day beamed at him and extolled the virtues of his 'Diamond Harbour Model', were now blaming him for the party's disastrous performance in the assembly polls. If you were looking for a fall guy, you could hardly do better than Abhishek; he ticked all the boxes.

Just sample this. On June 14, a Sunday, CID sleuths questioned him for more than eight hours. The next day, an ED team grilled him for 11 hours. And on Tuesday, he was back for another six hours of questioning by the CID. Over those three days alone, three more FIRs were registered against him, taking the total number of FIRs against Abhishek since May 4, the day Bengal poll results were announced, to six.

His troubles kept mounting. Barely two weeks before the CID grilling, Abhishek had gone to South 24 Parganas to visit the family of a Trinamool worker killed in post-poll violence. The visit turned into a fiasco, with protesters hurling eggs and stones at him. He sustained bruises on his chest, back, arms and legs — a startling reversal for a leader who had spent the past decade building himself up as Trinamool's next big organisational force.

The Beginnings

Abhishek was born in Kolkata on Nov 7, 1987. His father, Amit Banerjee, is Mamata Banerjee's elder brother. He studied at Kolkata's Nava Nalanda school and later graduated from the Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM), a private management school that ran into legal trouble and shut down in 2015.

It was at IIPM that he met Rujira Naroola, a Thai national who now holds an OCI card. The two married in 2012, a year after he entered active Trinamool politics. After Mamata unseated the Left Front in 2011 — by then in office for 34 years — and became chief minister, Abhishek took charge of Trinamool's youth wing.

Three years later, he entered Parliament from Diamond Harbour. He was re-elected in 2019 and 2024. In 2021, he became Trinamool's national general secretary. The writing on the wall was clear; it was only a matter of time before Abhishek stepped into the shoes of his aunt, Mamata.

Then May 4 happened, and the script went horribly wrong.

Corporate Touch

Mamata Banerjee had been the ultimate street fighter. Starting out as a Congress student activist in the mid-1970s, she spent decades battling the Left, until she finally dislodged the Front in the 2011 polls. Abhishek belonged to a different era. He became active in politics when the party was already in office. He dressed sharply. He was at ease in Hindi. English came naturally to him.

Mamata's Kalighat house has always been part of her political mythology: modest, cramped, stubbornly un-grand, a home that allowed her to project herself as the street fighter who never moved into the palace. Abhishek lived close by, but in a much grander, multi-storey house called Shantiniketan on Harish Mukherjee Road. His office was on Camac Street, one of Kolkata's most recognisable commercial stretches. For a party built around the slogan of 'Maa, Maati, Manush', whose symbol — two flowers and a stalk of grass — emphasised its grassroots connect, this was a marked departure.

Mamata, as chief minister, would often ride pillion on motorcycles. Abhishek had his cavalcade. When he moved out of his heavily guarded residence, locals were often left stranded. Public bus routes, too, had allegedly been altered for years to accommodate his convoy and security logistics.

Many in the party could never reconcile themselves to his style of functioning. It was just that no one said so before May 4. Then the dam burst.

Role Of I-PAC

And then there was I-PAC — possibly India's best-known election war room: part consultancy, part data shop, part field organisation and part message machine. Abhishek had helped bring Prashant Kishor into Trinamool's orbit after the party's 2019 Lok Sabha setback, when the BJP had reduced Mamata's Bengal fortress to a nervous battleground. The old guard felt sidelined, but kept quiet — until everything unravelled.

It was Abhishek who took Kishor to Mamata's Nabanna chambers to help script the party's 2021 assembly poll campaign. Kishor exited after that victory, but I-PAC stayed on and played its part in Trinamool's 2024 Lok Sabha performance. But as the consultancy came under the glare of central agencies in the run-up to the 2026 assembly polls, it first sent its employees on "long leave" and then effectively paused operations in Bengal.

"This is unheard of in India: a poll consultancy firm backing out just before the polls. But Abhishek's overreliance on I-PAC — and not the party organisation — made the impact so debilitating," an ex-minister said.

"I-PAC wasn't just a consultancy firm for Trinamool. Abhishek's free hand to them allowed I-PAC to carve out a parallel, party-like structure in the districts and blocks. And since they were Camac Street's eyes and ears, local leaders had to pander to their whims. The anger that we see now is years of pent-up frustration speaking."

After The Rout

Expelled Trinamool MLA Sandipan Saha described what he said was an attempt to shield Abhishek from internal backlash after May 4.

"When we attended the party meeting after the defeat, a directive was issued to all MLAs. No one was permitted to utter a single word of criticism against Abhishek. Instead, we were told that he had performed 'exceptionally well' and that we must give him a standing ovation," Saha said. "This included MLAs who had been serving in the assembly since Abhishek was probably still in school. No one was allowed to go within a radius of one kilometre of him during programmes when Trinamool was in office."

Saha may have an axe to grind, but even party loyalists such as senior TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee have lashed out at Abhishek.

"He must understand that because of him we have lost the elections. The party is facing these problems because of him. But he will go around disrespecting everyone," Kalyan said, before later softening his tone and saying it was perhaps best to let the matter rest.

Critics say Abhishek's style of functioning also created fertile ground for corruption allegations. A former India sportsperson, who later became a prominent TMC MLA, recently recounted on condition of anonymity how he was allegedly forced to cough up large sums of money to the party's "inner circle" just to get sanctioned public works executed in his own constituency. Another former state minister openly admitted that govt tenders in South 24 Parganas, across departments, were routinely inflated to "cover organisational expenses".

Polished Authoritarian

Abhishek also came to symbolise a generational change in Trinamool: polished, data-driven and corporate in style. But party veterans felt this new apparatus pushed the old organisation to the margins and created a buffer between the leadership and the grassroots.

"He is intelligent, dynamic and quick to sense a political opportunity. However, he tends to be authoritarian, rarely listening to colleagues who have spent decades longer in politics than him. There were situations when I had to deal with his coterie but had no actual decision-making power," alleged another former minister.

Diamond Harbour Model

The 'Diamond Harbour Model' was Abhishek's showcase: a constituency machine that mixed welfare camps, health outreach, infrastructure promises, data-driven feedback and tight booth-level control. To Trinamool, it was proof that Abhishek could deliver governance with corporate efficiency. To his critics, it was something darker — a system in which welfare, surveillance, local muscle and political loyalty blurred into one another.

Yet, even his critics concede that Diamond Harbour saw visible changes on the ground. Under his watch, the constituency underwent an infrastructural upgrade, particularly in public healthcare, free diagnostic clinics and targeted pensions for the elderly.

Abhishek's run-ins with the party's senior leadership — many of whom are now critical of him — also stemmed from his hard line on a retirement age of 75 for politicians. He also tried to push performance as a criterion for party posts. None of this went down well with the party's seniors. Mamata did not implement these proposals, but Abhishek stuck to his position.

"To be fair to Abhishek, he disagreed with Mamata on multiple issues. RG Kar, for example. He had opposed the way it had been allowed to spiral. He also stressed accountability," a former minister said.

Abhishek is now Mamata's biggest dilemma: sacrifice the heir to calm the party, or confront the system that allowed so much resentment to build around him.

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•	Publication of Tender Document	June 24, 2026	----------
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•	Publication of Responses to Queries	July 8, 2026	----------
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•	Last Date for Submission - Stage 1 Bid: Technical-cum-IPO	July 23, 2026	17:00 Hours (IST)
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•	Intimation to Technically Qualified Bidders	August 6, 2026	----------
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I AM NOT AFRAID OF DEATH, I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE THERE WHEN IT HAPPENS — WOODY ALLEN

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A tale of 2 deals: Trump's 'infinity' checks meets Iran's 'not so fast'

Iranian Officials Deny N-Inspections & Other Terms, Say It Is Still In The Works

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: One side believes that it has come away with a deal. The other side is still dealing with the idea of a deal. It turns out that the US-Iran peace agreement purportedly pounded out during talks in the Alps has more holes than Swiss cheese.

On Tuesday, US president Trump took to Truth Social to announce what sounded suspiciously like the diplomatic equivalent of a completed real-estate closing. Iran, he declared, had agreed to nuclear inspections "long into the future (Infinity!!!)," accepted major concessions, and was effectively on a path toward what he called "Nuclear Honesty."

In return, Trump said he had agreed to keep the Strait of Hormuz open, suspend any naval blockade, and permit limited sanctions relief through US-controlled escrow accounts that would purchase American corn, wheat, soybeans, food, and medicine. "Talks are going well!" the president proclaimed.

There was only one problem. Almost simultaneously, Iranian officials appeared to be describing an entirely different deal... that was still in the works. Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei flatly rejected suggestions that Tehran had agreed to allow inspectors into nuclear facilities damaged by recent US and Israeli strikes. There was "no established procedure" for such inspections and no meeting had even taken place with the IAEA. Iran's envoy in Geneva similarly suggested the issue would be addressed only in future negotiations.

The chasm between the two narratives is not merely cosmetic. On the American side, Trump's Truth Social post reads like a victory lap written before the race has been run. For Iran, the Trump and Vance prescription reframes sanctions relief as a subscription to the US farm bureau. The result is a diplomatic landscape in which Washington says the house has been sold, while Tehran insists the parties are still arguing over whether to schedule a home inspection.

In fact, the gap extends well beyond inspections. Vice President JD Vance had said Iran agreed to admit inspectors from the IAEA, calling it a critical first step toward preventing a nuclear weapon. Yet Tehran maintains that inspections of bomb-damaged sites are not currently on the table.

Then there is the money question. Trump says any sanctions relief will be tightly controlled through US-managed escrow accounts and spent only on humanitarian goods purchased from American suppliers. Iran says any funds released belong to Iran and can be spent however Tehran chooses. And missiles? Iran says its ballistic missile program is not up for discussion at all; Washington says it is.

Such contradictions have become a recurring feature of this negotiating process. Since the preliminary MoU was announced earlier this month, Trump has repeatedly described the agreement as substantially complete, while Iranian officials have portrayed it as little more than a framework for future talks.

Trump has a well-established habit of announcing diplomatic breakthroughs before negotiators have finished arguing over the fine print. His references to inspections lasting "Infinity!!!" may excite supporters but do little to clarify what Tehran has actually signed. At the same time, Iranian officials have their own reasons to downplay concessions before a domestic audience. Publicly acknowledging inspections, limits on spending, or restrictions on missile programs would be politically sensitive in Tehran.

Reuters

Vessels at the Strait of Hormuz, as seen from Musandam, Oman

Oman & Iran to discuss Hormuz navigation

Oman and Iran agreed on Tuesday to press on with discussions about the future administration of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, including maritime services in the strategic waterway and the costs associated with them. In a joint statement issued after talks in Muscat, the two countries said a joint working group involving their foreign ministries would be formed to continue the discussions and that they would consult other littoral states and relevant parties. The move appears to implement a provision of the MoU that calls for Iran to hold talks with Oman and other Gulf coastal states on the navigation and maritime services in the strait. REUTERS

Dozens of Awami activists held as party defies ban to mark founding day

Dhaka: Dozens of activists of deposed prime minister **Sheikh Hasina**'s now-disbanded Awami League party were arrested overnight as they staged street marches to mark the party's 77th founding anniversary in defiance of a security ban, authorities said Tuesday.

Founded on June 23, 1949, when present-day Bangladesh was East Pakistan, the Awami League is the country's oldest political party and led the nation's 1971 Liberation War. Through its social media platforms, the Awami League urged supporters to hold digital discussions, hoist party flags, organise processions and conduct poster campaigns to mark the anniversary.

A police headquarters spokesman said 26 activists of the "banned party" were arrested in Dhaka alone, while several others were detained in other places in the country for staging processions or attempting to defy the ban amid heightened security. On the eve of the anniversary, Hasina, in a social media post, said, "We were not born to be defeated." Hasina has been staying in India since her ouster in 2024. PTI

Nepal former FM held for money laundering: Police

Kathmandu: Nepal's former finance minister Bishnu Prasad Paudel was arrested late on Monday on charges of money laundering, police said, as the country's govt steps up a crackdown on alleged corruption under previous govts.

Paudel, 66, a senior leader of the Communist Party of Nepal and a key figure in the former KP Sharma Oli govt, was detained from a hotel in western Nepal, police said. Police spokesperson Abi Narayan Kafle said Paudel was being brought to Kathmandu and would be handed over to department of money laundering probe.

His arrest comes months after Oli's govt was toppled following deadly anti-graft protests in which at least 76 people were killed and more than 2,500 injured, with several govt buildings, including parliament, set ablaze. Oli and his home minister were arrested for failing to prevent the violence. Both are now out on bail. REUTERS

Unconverted: Usha Vance says she's happy with her Hindu faith

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: For a man who wrote a bestselling memoir titled "Communion: Finding My Way Back to Faith", Vice President J D Vance may be losing his way with the MAGA base, one awkward relationship status update at a time.

Vance first stirred MAGA faithful during his recent peace sortie in Switzerland by professing his love for Pakistan, a country still viewed with deep suspicion in America for its links to terrorism. Flanked by Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif and chief of army staff Field Marshal Asim Munir, the US veep declared, "I have joked that I have two very, very important people in my life: An Indian and a Pakistani. The Indian is my wife, and the Pakistani is Field Marshal Munir." Later, pressed by a Pakistani journalist about what he thought of its role in the US-Iran talks, he gushed, "I love Pakistan."

If his wife (pregnant with their fourth child) took any offence at being bracketed with a Pakistani general, she did not let it be known immediately. But in a MAGA movement raised on a diet of unilateral American sovereignty and bigotry, his affection for the Pakistani military apparatus did not go down smoothly.

Republican Senator Rick Scott publicly grumbled that Pakistan (and Qatar) have a "long history of harbouring terrorists and right now they seem far more invested in propping up Iran's decades-long terror campaign than achieving a meaningful peace," while Montana's Tim Sheehy told Fox News viewers that the country spent a decade hiding Osama bin Laden and funded the ayatollah through ISI insurances.

Vance's Swiss love fest with Pakistan caps off what has been a testing time for his domestic brand. Just days earlier, the US veep was again under scrutiny when Usha Vance told CBS News's Robert Costa in a joint interview that she didn't need to convert (to Catholicism, as he has publicly hoped several times). "I grew up in a Hindu household that was very stable ... I have not felt the same need to seek something different that he has," Usha asserted, later telling him, "Therapy didn't work for you; church does."

Within minutes, commentators had translated her remarks into: "I didn't need to convert because my childhood wasn't as chaotic as yours", and "I'm quite comfortable in my faith, thank you".

While Vance supporters saw in the interview a thoughtful observation about different life experiences, critics viewed it as a smackdown delivered with the politeness of a Yale-trained lawyer. Apparently, pulling her into a comparison with a Pakistani general is not the first time Vance has embarrassed his wife.

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JD Vance has openly discussed his Catholic faith and his hope that his family shares it. Usha Vance, meanwhile, has remained proudly connected to her Hindu upbringing

In his new memoir, he discusses a significant romantic relationship he had with a woman named Mary before he met Usha. Then there was this remark during an event in Michigan in March: "Usha is now 22 weeks pregnant with baby number four. When we decided to run for vice-president, she said you can become VP or have a 4th baby. But ladies and gentlemen, I am persuasive, so I got both," Vance told the crowd, with Usha sitting in the audience.

The episodes have revived a longstanding curiosity surrounding what is currently America's most famous interfaith marriage. JD Vance has openly discussed his Catholic faith and his hope that his family shares it. Usha Vance, meanwhile, has remained proudly connected to her Hindu upbringing. To many observers, the striking thing in the interview was not disagreement between the couple but her confidence.

While Washington is accustomed to political spouses nodding supportively, Usha Vance increasingly appears comfortable presenting herself as an independent figure with her own views, traditions and identity. In a capital where entire careers are built on saying nothing memorable, that may have been the most effective political communication of the week.

2 dead in Lebanon in Israeli fire; truce violation: Hezb

Beirut/Jerusalem: Israeli gunfire killed two people in southern Lebanon on Tuesday, Lebanon's Civil Defence and health ministry said, prompting Iran-backed Hezbollah to accuse Israel of violating a ceasefire that has largely held since Sunday. The lull in fighting is the longest yet in the war that was ignited by the US-Iran conflict on March 2.

The highway south was clogged with cars on Tuesday as the relative calm encouraged displaced people to return home, despite concerns about the ceasefire's solidity and with Israeli forces still deployed deep inside Lebanon.

The shooting marked the first fatalities since Sunday. Israeli soldiers opened fire at a group of people near a bulldozer clearing a road in the al-Deir neighbourhood of Nabatieh al-Fawqa, the local mayor and Lebanon's state news agency NNA said. The Israeli military later said its troops had fired warning shots at four people on a bulldozer and motorcycle that had crossed into the zone Israeli troops are still holding in southern Lebanon. It described them as "Hezbollah terrorists operating under civilian cover". After the group of people continued to approach, "additional fire was conducted in order to remove the threat."

Lebanon and Israel, meanwhile, began a new round of talks Tuesday in the US. REUTERS

Iran prez in Pak, discusses peace initiatives with US

Islamabad: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Tuesday met Pakistan's top leadership and exchanged views on regional developments and peace initiatives with the US while reaffirming Tehran's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and regional peace.

Pezeshkian, who arrived in Islamabad on a day-long visit, held talks with President Asif Ali Zardari shortly after receiving an official welcome, attended by PM Shehbaz Sharif. Separately, Army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir called on President Pezeshkian and the two exchanged views on regional developments and peace initiatives, according to a statement by the army.

Pezeshkian's visit to Pakistan is aimed at discussing the full implementation of all clauses of an agreement signed between Iran and the US, as well as regional and international developments of mutual interest. PTI

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Pak PM Sharif with Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian in Islamabad

UN chief pushes for global action on methane, seeks AI's climate footprint

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London: UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres on Tuesday warned that the world is edging closer to dangerous climate tipping points and announced a global Call to Action on Methane, targeting some of the fastest and cheapest emissions cuts available.

The call to action came at a time when London is facing a rare red heat health alert. Temperatures in parts of the UK are expected to record such highs that schools have been partially closed. "London is not just calling, its cooking," Guterres said.

Addressing the London Climate Action Week at the historic Guildhall in the city, Guterres framed the moment as a "tale of two crises" — an accelerating climate change and an energy system still heavily dependent on fossil fuels. At the heart of Guterres' speech was the global methane initiative. Methane is responsible for one-third of global warming and around 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide over the short term, and rapid reductions could deliver measurable cooling within a generation, he said.

Guterres also spoke about artificial intelligence and the climate cost of building data centres. He warned that the expanding data centres were consuming vast amounts of electricity, water and land. He proposed an AI Environmental Transparency Initiative, calling on AI firms to disclose their carbon, water and land footprints and commit to powering all data centres with renewable energy by 2030.

40 drown in France over 6 days seeking heat relief

Paris/Madrid: Forty people have drowned in France over recent days as they sought to cool down to escape record heat, the prime minister said on Tuesday. Britain, Italy, Switzerland and Spain were also sweltering in extreme heat, with record temperatures in some areas disrupting schools and transport networks and forcing tourist sites to shut.

Speaking ahead of a meeting on the heatwave, French PM Sebastien Lecornu said: "A sad scourge when it comes to drownings, as the latest figures just reported to us show 40 deaths since June 18, most of them young people."

In Italy, the health ministry issued its highest level alert for 15 cities and authorities took measures to curtail work in some sectors.

Britain is also in the grip of the heat, with the Met Office forecasting temperatures of up to 37°C in southern England on Tuesday. Spain's meteorological agency has issued red alerts across parts of the country, warning of dangerous heat with temperatures expected to reach 44°C.

In Belgium, soaring temperatures forced a primary school near Brussels to relocate its final exams to a nearby church. In Switzerland, the northeastern canton of St. Gallen restricted water withdrawal from rivers and lakes, citing low levels and high temperatures. REUTERS

AFP

People beat the heat with a dip in a fountain near the Eiffel Tower

3 British Pak bros get 40 years in jail for sexual abuse of women, kids in UK

London: A British Pakistani man nicknamed "Killer" and his two younger brothers have been sentenced to a total of 40 years in prison, over 20 years after they sexually abused four children and a woman in northern England. Amar Ilyas, 41, Kamar Ilyas, 39, and Kamran Ilyas, 38, from Sheffield, were found guilty of a series of sexual offences.

On Monday, the trio was sentenced at Sheffield Crown Court to 27 years, 10 years and three years imprisonment respectively. "The brothers Amar Ilyas, Kamar Ilyas and Kamran Ilyas groomed a young girl with alcohol and drugs. They each sexually abused by preying on her vulnerability. Amar Ilyas targeted four other young girls," Martin McRobb, specialist prosecutor for the UK's crown prosecution service said. PTI

US proposes to hike citizenship application fee by up to 80%

Lubna Kably | TNN

The US department of homeland security (DHS) has proposed a sharp increase in filing fees for naturalisation applications, a move that could significantly raise the cost of acquiring American citizenship for permanent residents (green card holders), including thousands of Indians eligible to apply each year.

Under the proposal, the fee for Form N-400 (Application for naturalisation), the principal application used by green card holders seeking US citizenship, would rise to $1,330 from $760 for paper filings, an increase of 75%. For online filings, the fee hike is sharper by around 80%, rising to $1,280 from $710.

The proposal would also eliminate the reduced-fee option currently available to lower-income applicants and will scrap fee waivers altogether for naturalisation filings. At present, certain applicants with limited financial means can seek either a fee reduction or a complete waiver.

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The proposal comes at a time when Indians continue to be among the largest groups acquiring US citizenship. 65,960 Indians acquired US citizenship in FY-2022 (fiscal ended Sept 30), 59,100 in FY-2023 and 49,700 in FY-2024, according to DHS statistics. India remained the second-largest source country for new American citizens in FY-2024 despite a decline in numbers from the previous two years.

DHS has also proposed raising the fee for Form N-336 (Request for a hearing on a decision in naturalisation proceedings); this form is used by applicants who wish to challenge the denial of their citizenship applications. The filing fee for this form would increase to $1,475 from $830 for paper submissions and to $1,425 from $780 for online filings.

According to DHS, the increases are intended to better align filing fees with the agency's costs of processing and adjudicating naturalisation-related applications. The agency will accept public comments for 60 days, these will be reviewed, before a final rule is implemented.

DAILY PLANET

AFP

People gather in front of PM's office in Tirana, Albania, to protest construction of a luxury resort near a protected area

Canberra town crier crowned world's loudest person at 122.4 decibels

Joseph McGrail-Bateup, an Australian professional air conditioner cleaner and honorary town crier, has been recognised as the world's loudest person. Guinness World Records last week acknowledged the 58-year-old Canberra resident recorded the loudest ever shout by an individual. He yelled "now" at 122.4 decibels. That broke the previous record of 121.7 dB set by Northern Ireland schoolteacher Annalisa Flanagan in 1994. She had yelled an ear-piercing "quiet." That is in the noise range of a chain saw, a jet aircraft taking off and an ambulance siren at close range.

Sri Lanka bans junk food in schools: Sri Lanka began enforcing a ban on fast food and sweets in schools on Tuesday to tackle what the govt says are rising cases of diabetes and heart disease in children. Much of Sri Lanka's population lives below the poverty line, and many children still do not receive enough to eat. But the island nation increasingly faces the opposite problem, with officials warning that more and more children are becoming overweight or obese. Public health inspectors said on Tuesday they had started to implement guidelines issued by the education ministry this week prohibiting schools from providing food containing high levels of sugar, salt and fat.

Finland relaxes alcohol sale laws: The Finnish parliament on Tuesday passed legislation that eases restrictions on the sale of alcohol, including by allowing Sunday purchases and deliveries by stores and restaurants as well as online firms. The right-wing govt in office since 2023 had promised to make alcohol sales easier, in order to comply with European legislation and to allow Finnish distributors to sell alcohol abroad. But the bill, first introduced in 2024, has been the subject of lengthy debates in parliament, with critics saying an easing of strict alcohol laws would encouraging drinking and pose public health risks. It was adopted on Tuesday by 98 votes against 77. Under Finland's alcohol laws, only the state-owned monopoly Alko can sell liquor, wine and beer or cider with an alcohol content of over 8%.

AI chatbots hit dating scene, becoming the lovelorn's modern-day Cyrano

Marie Lansley started a new job in a new city while searching for a new partner. In her dating pursuits, the freshly minted San Franciscan said she's been "trying everything"— including some help from artificial intelligence. AI chatbots have become — for her and many others — de facto dating coaches and relationship experts.

Lansley, 36, consults AI chatbots for help in starting conversations, something she said she finds difficult on dating apps despite being comfortable doing so in person. Although she's optimistic about the possibilities, she acknowledges the incongruency between the art of romance and the precision of technology.

"I am open to AI finding me the love of my life, but I'm also not fully convinced that it can," Lansley said. "AI is great at making dating more efficient. But the chemistry — that's always going to be analogue."

AI adopters have been using the tech in varied ways to find romance. Some patronise AI matchmaking services. Others use AI tools to help build their dating profiles. But the most common way is enlisting chatbots to draft messages to potential matches and interpret messages they receive.

Lansley goes back and forth between OpenAI's ChatGPT and Anthropic's Claude. Others turn to Elon Musk and X's Grok, Google's Gemini and other chatbots. Dating apps and artificial intelligence companies are leaning into it.

AP

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"Claude is the new Cyrano," said dating coach Carey Gaynes, referencing the 19th century French play "Cyrano de Bergerac" in which the titular character is the brains behind another man's romantic words. "You're using a voice that isn't yours."

Mason Naung, a 25-year-old student in Los Angeles, said he doesn't use chatbots for message ideas, but could see the benefit of it for "icebreakers" during the early back-and-forth with someone. "I've been on Hinge on and off for a year or two, and sometimes I kind of struggle to think about what the opening line should be like with this girl, right?" he said. But if the AI-written messages go beyond those initial exchanges, that would be a "small red flag" in his mind.

Just as chatbots can help start conversations, they also can help end things. Dani Cohen, a 27-year-old business owner in San Diego, said she would much rather be sent an AI-written farewell message by someone she's been on a few dates with than be "ghosted," or cut off without a word.

Several people, including those who have turned to AI for dating help, expressed reservations about using the technology to help with deeply personal aspects of their life. Many adopters said they had a line they wouldn't cross when it would be inappropriate to use AI for dating. Clara Sullivan, a 22-year-old student in Los Angeles, said she would not reply to a potential partner if she knew they were sending her AI-written messages. "I think it's really scary how reliant people are on it," Sullivan said.

AI is likely going to play a growing role in modern dating life. "It's kind of a sad commentary on the state of the world. Dating is supposed to be one of the things that cannot be replaced, right?" said Jake Clay, a content creator in New York. "It's kind of sad to think that something so pivotal to your life is being outsourced to AI." AP

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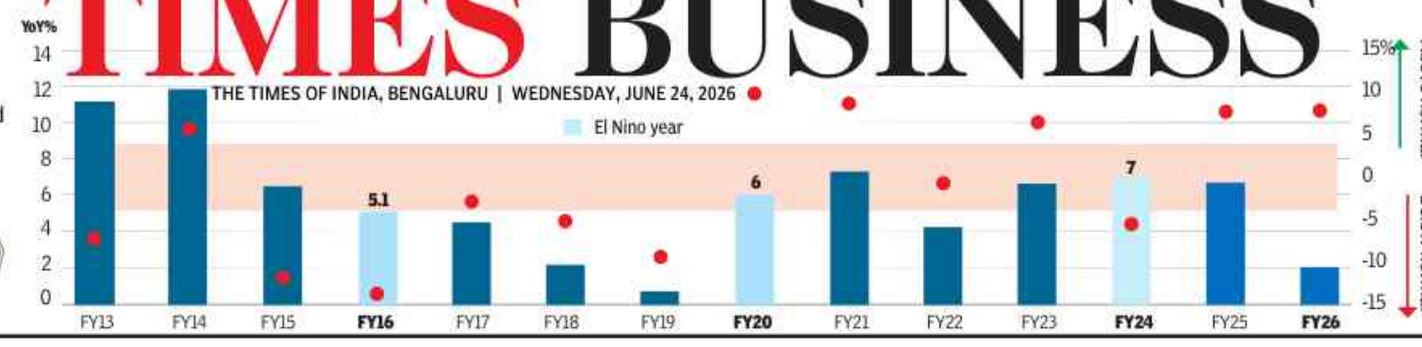
El Nino impact on food inflation over the years is nuanced

El Nino years tend to carry upside risks for food inflation, although the relationship is not mechanical. On average, food inflation during selected El Nino years stood at around 8.4%, compared with 6.9% in selected non-El Nino years

Comparison of food inflation in El-Nino vs Non-El-Nino years



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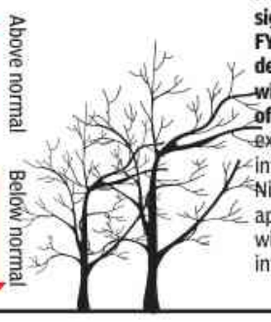

However, this difference is significantly influenced by FY10, when a severe rainfall deficit of -21.4% coincided with very high food inflation of 15.2%. Excluding such extreme episodes, the inflation gap between El Nino and non-El Nino years appears less pronounced with the average of food inflation dropping to 6.1%

Overseas branches can lend to NRIs for deposits in India

RBI Clarifies FCNR(B) Rules, NRI Inflows To Support Rupee

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Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India has opened the floodgates for foreign capital, allowing Indian banks to route money from overseas branches to non-resident Indians for deposits back home under a revamped FCNR(B) scheme, while also removing key currency and credit risks to spur inflows.

The second dispensation that will have a multiplier effect on NRI deposits is the permission granted to Indian banks to eliminate the credit risk for overseas lenders. Banks have been allowed to issue a standby letter of credit in favour of overseas lenders against FCNR(B) deposits. The chances of an NRI defaulting on loans taken against FCNR(B) deposits are minimal, as this standby letter of credit guarantees repayment to the offshore bank that has lent against the outstanding deposits.

This clarification was provided by the RBI through a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document issued over a fortnight after it announced the special FCNR(B) deposit scheme, under which it undertook to swap forex deposits into rupees and back into foreign currency at the time of maturity.

RBI has also said that the free forex hedge is only on the principal deposit and not interest that banks pay out.

The math relies entirely on a positive interest rate spread. Because RBI's special swap window absorbs the currency hedging costs for fresh 3-to-5-year tenors, Indian banks can aggressively price FCNR(B) deposits at attractive fixed rates of 6% to 7%.

If an overseas investor can borrow funds internationally at a lower floating rate (eg, 5-5.5%), they pocket the difference on the massive leveraged portion. On paper, this leverage can theoretically amplify a standard 6% fixed-income dollar yield into double-digit returns (often marketed between 12% to 19%). Among other clarifications, the RBI said that it will swap deposits booked under the scheme that have a residual maturity of less than three years, and not "at least three years" as proposed earlier.

Banks have been allowed to offer differential interest rates to customers, but only based on two parameters: the tenor of the deposit and the size of the deposit. They cannot arbitrarily offer preferential rates. Meanwhile, banks are not required to use the new RBI swap facility for every 3-to-5-year deposit they mobilise. They can continue offering conventional foreign currency deposits without a mandatory one-year lock-in.

ROOM FOR DOUBLE-DIGIT RETURN

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Sensex slides 900 pts as global tech sell-off weighs

Korea's Kospi Hits Circuit Breaker After Slide | Foreign Funds Net Buyers On D-St

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: A massive slide in tech-heavy Korean stock market on Tuesday, which followed the overnight sell-off in US tech stocks, pulled sensex down by nearly 900 points to 76,201 points. However, despite the day's tech-led sell-off, foreign funds were net buyers, something that market players said was a positive sign.

The day's session started on a steady note with sensex barely changed from its previous close. But once Korea's Kospi showed weakness following a warning from its securities regulator about the index's rally in recent months, things began moving south. Kospi hit the circuit breaker and closed 10% down.

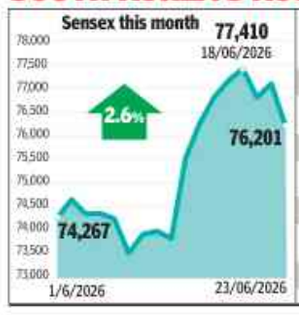
The slide in Korea followed an overnight sell-off in the US where AI-led stocks closed sharply lower. Selling on Wall Street continued on Tuesday with Nasdaq down more than 1.4% in mid-session. According to Vinod Nair of Geojit Investments, investor sentiment on Dalal Street weakened as early gains proved unsustainable amid negative global cues and prevailing caution. "Profit booking after the recent rally further intensified downside pressure, resulting in broad-based weakness across key sectors. The domestic IT sector remained under pressure, reflecting the global tech rout and persistent concerns over AI-led disruptions in the Indian IT space," Nair said.

Going forward, while stable crude prices and easing geopolitical tensions offer some support to domestic investors, they are still cautious, and are focusing on the progress of the monsoon and the ongoing US-India trade discussions, Nair said.

The day's slide left investors poorer by about Rs 5.5 lakh crore with BSE's market capitalisation now at Rs 475.1 lakh crore, exchange data showed. Foreign investors were net buyers at a marginal Rs 18 crore while domestic investors recorded a Rs 680-crore net inflow, BSE data showed.

Among the sectoral indices, BSE's metal index closed 3% lower while the IT index was down 2.2%.

SOUTH KOREA'S KOSPI SINKS 10%



How key global mkts fared on Tue

	Chg %
Kospi	-10
Hang Seng	-1.8
Shanghai Composite	-1.4
*Nasdaq	-1.5
*S&P 500	-1
*Dow Jones *At 9.30pm	0.3
Nikkei	-3.6

SpaceX sees over $600bn wipeout

Shares of Elon Musk's SpaceX slipped further on Tuesday following a three-session selloff that wiped out more than $600 billion from the company's market value, with the highly valued technology sector on track to extend the rout. The rocket and AI company's shares fell 1.9% to $151.6 earlier on Tuesday. The stock sank 5% to as much as $146.9 — dipping below $150, its opening price on the day of its market debut. REUTERS

Google parent loses $270bn

Google-parent company Alphabet suffered its worst day on the stock market in over a year on Tuesday, losing roughly $270 billion in market value as artificial intelligence (AI) panic mounted following the sudden exit of two high-profile AI researchers. Shares of the company tumbled approximately 5%. The company's elite AI divisions suffered back-to-back departures to chief rivals. AGENCIES

Q-comm growth: Flipkart, Amazon bet on large base

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Mumbai: E-commerce arch-rivals Flipkart and Amazon are on an expansion spree of sorts—they are aggressively ramping up the count of fulfilment centres to gain market share in quick deliveries, a segment they have been late to enter, ceding most of the space to Eternal's Blinkit, Swiggy's Instamart and IPO-bound Zepto.

As they play catch up in a market pegged to touch $65-$70 billion (in terms of GMV) by 2030, both companies are leaning on their existing (marketplace) consumer bases to drive quick commerce transactions. For Amazon, its paid membership service Prime gives it an edge while Walmart's Flipkart is betting on its 250 million active users to widen adoption of its instant delivery platform Minutes.

On Tuesday, Flipkart said its network of micro fulfilment centres has now grown to 1,000 centres—the firm has been nearly doubling the count of such centres per month this year over the last. Amazon and Flipkart are building their quick playbook around consumer relationships and loyalty in a space where the rules until now were being defined largely by speed, analysts said.

"We have a huge annual Flipkart customer base. Once they start transacting on Minutes, they get hooked to it and they also start transacting more on the larger Flipkart platform," Kunal Gupta, SVP-head of Flipkart Minutes said in an interview. The company's quick commerce push has also allowed it to build a play in newer segments such as fresh and bakery, driving category expansion and getting new consumers through Minutes, executives said. For Flipkart which claims that orders on Minutes have grown five times since last year, daily essentials has been the biggest category in terms of consumer spends. Amazon is pumping several million dollars into India as it sets up bigger urban fulfilment centres to house a wider set of products.

RACE TO THE FINISH

- **Amazon Now** orders growing 25% month-on-month
- **Orders on Flipkart Minutes** grew 5x over past year on back of expansion to over 130 cities
- **Prime members tripling** shopping frequency once they start using it
- **Smaller cities scaling up faster;** Gen Z fastest growing cohort for Flipkart

Honasa buys 58% stake in Fluence

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Honasa Consumer, the parent of Mamaearth, has acquired a 58% stake in Fluence Pharma, marking its entry into the fast-growing nutraceuticals segment.

The transaction values Fluence Pharma at an enterprise value of about Rs 135 crore. Honasa will acquire the majority stake through a cash secondary purchase and buy the remaining 42% in two tranches over the next five to seven years, the company said in a stock exchange filing.

Honasa's board has also approved the incorporation of Honasa Health, a wholly owned subsidiary that will house its business-to-consumer nutraceuticals operations.

Founded in 2012, Mumbai-based Fluence Pharma sells condition-specific over-the-counter supplement kits targeting hair and skin concerns through dermatologists.

"The beauty and personal care landscape is entering a new era where consumers are increasingly seeking holistic, inside-out solutions that address beauty concerns at their root," said **Varun Alagh**, co-founder and CEO of Honasa Consumer.

Accenture leases 1mn sqft in Hyderabad

Bengaluru: Accenture has leased more than 1 million sft of office space in Hyderabad's IT corridor, underlining the continued appetite among technology firms for large-format workspaces, according to documents sourced from proptech platform Propstack. Property registration documents showed that the IT services company leased about 10.2 lakh sft at Aparna Technopolis. TNN

Infosys sees $300-400bn AI opportunity by 2030

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Infosys sees a $300-$400 billion opportunity in AI-led services by 2030 and believes the technology will amplify, rather than diminish, the role of IT services companies, chairman Nandan Nilekani said on Tuesday.

"AI will not replace companies like ours. It will amplify those who move with purpose and adapt with speed," Nilekani told shareholders at the company's 45th annual general meeting, held virtually, dismissing concerns that coding automation could undermine the relevance of IT services firms.

Nilekani argued that AI is instead accelerating demand for legacy modernisation and helping enterprises retire decades of accumulated technical debt. "The AI deployment gap in large enterprise clients is real, and closing that gap is where the work is," he said. He added that the defining opportunity lies in integrating AI models and agents with mission-critical enterprise platforms and the traditional transaction systems that underpin large businesses.

"Now, more than three years after GenAI emerged, Infosys is more relevant than ever before and well positioned for the decade ahead," he said. Infosys recently unveiled an AI-first value framework to help enterprises deploy AI at scale, positioning the company to tap into an AI services market estimated at $300-$400 billion by the end of the decade. The company is already collaborating with 90% of its top 200 clients on AI initiatives. Chief executive Salil Parekh said AI services are already becoming a meaningful business for the company. At the end of the Dec quarter, AI-related services accounted for 5.5% of Infosys's revenue, representing an annualised run rate of about $1 billion.

"We continue to see good growth in this AI services revenue," he said. According to Parekh, clients are deploying AI across six broad areas: AI engineering and strategy, data, business processes, technology modernisation, physical AI, and trust and security. Together, these represent an addressable market opportunity of about $300 billion through 2030.

The company has built AI capabilities through its Topaz and Fabric platforms and is working closely with foundation model providers and cloud companies to deliver AI solutions to clients. Infosys recruited more than 20,000 college graduates during the year and ended FY26 with a workforce of over 3,25,000 employees globally.

According to Nasscom, India's tech industry may grow 6.1% to $315 billion in FY26. IT services will contribute $149 billion of industry revenue, followed by BPM at $59 billion, engineering R&D at $63 billion, software products at $23 billion and hardware at $21 billion. Tech exports are projected to rise 5.6% year-on-year to $246 billion in FY26 from $233 billion in FY25.

India, US look to seal trade deal before '10% tariff' expiry

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India and the US kicked off ministerial level trade talks on Monday to work out a deal before the expiry of the current 10% tariff imposed by the Trump administration on imports from all countries.

"India and the US share a strong and growing economic partnership. We had productive discussions on advancing negotiations towards a balanced and mutually beneficial trade agreement, in line with the joint statement of Feb 7, 2026. India remains committed to working constructively with the US to further deepen economic ties and create new opportunities for growth and innovation," commerce & industry minister Piyush Goyal said in a post on X.

Greer's two-day visit is his first to India since American President Donald Trump unleashed tariffs on major trading partners in April 2025 and has now followed up with an across-the-board 10% duty on all imports into the US, which is due to expire in a month. The meeting comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump met on the sidelines of the G7 summit in France.

"We are moving decisively toward finalising a strong bilateral trade agreement that will unlock new economic opportunities for both countries and significantly deepen the US-India economic partnership," Gor said.

During talks between Greer and Goyal, India is expected to flag its concerns over Section 301 investigations. Greer also met finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman. "Both sides exchanged views on strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation, with a focus on new opportunities for growth and deeper commercial engagement," the finance ministry said in a social media post.

TWO-DAY TALKS BEGIN

Govt to sell up to 2% in IRFC at ₹91/share

New Delhi: Govt will sell up to 2% stake in IRFC at a floor price of Rs 91 per share starting Wednesday. Over 26.1 crore shares will be put on offer in the two-day share sale. At the floor price, the stake sale will fetch over Rs 2,300 crore. The floor price of Rs 91 per share is at a discount of 7.8% over Tuesday's closing price on BSE. AGENCIES

'India needs speed, not just ease of doing biz'

Aabhas Sharma & Sidhartha | TNN

New Delhi: India must move beyond ease of doing business and focus on the speed of doing business to accelerate growth and attract global capital, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president and Tata Chemicals managing director R Mukundan said. In an interaction with **TOI**, he also called for faster approvals, reduced litigation and more predictable policymaking.

Mukundan said a world, marked by geopolitical shifts, climate change and rapid advances in artificial intelligence demanded that India keeps focus on reforms within its control. He argued that while external disruptions would continue, domestic reforms could help India capitalise on a once-in-a-generation opportunity. "We are not just talking about ease and cost of doing business. We also need speed of doing business. What used to take years has to happen in months. What takes months today should happen in days and hours."

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According to him, India is among only three economies, with a GDP of over $1 trillion, that have consistently grown above 6% over last 25 years, alongside China and Vietnam. He said this presents a strong platform for India to target significantly higher growth.

Mukundan outlined reforms across three areas — foundational, factor and future-ready reforms. He said agriculture, strengthening MSMEs and improving resource security were among key foundational priorities, while power, logistics, labour and land reforms remained essential to improving competitiveness.

He said high power costs, last-mile logistics bottlenecks and difficulties in acquiring and recycling industrial land continued to constrain industry. He also called for greater digitisation of land records and more flexible floor-space norms to enable expansion of existing facilities.

On future-ready reforms, Mukundan stressed the need to accelerate adoption of AI, invest more in research and development and step up efforts around sustainability and water management. He also suggested that creation of a GST Council-like mechanism to address issues involving both the Centre and states, including power and agriculture.

The Tata group executive identified prolonged litigation and delays in dispute resolution as a major irritant for investors. While policy unpredictability was not the biggest challenge, he said the time taken to resolve disputes raised cost of doing business. "Companies value time. Cases move from one level to another and remain pending for months. Other countries do not face these kinds of delays."

Mukundan also called for smoother policy transitions. While govts would inevitably change regulations, businesses needed clear roadmaps and adequate transition periods, he said. "Predictability is important. Even when changes are required, there should be grandfathering provisions and greater engagement. But what we need most is speed."

To boost foreign investment, Mukundan advocated a targeted approach aimed at the world's largest companies. He said India should provide "concierge services" to existing and prospective investors and focus on addressing issues around taxation, approvals and operational efficiency.

Sebi for celebrity brand endorsements for MFs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi is proposing a common advertisement code for all its regulated entities. Under the new code, even individual mutual funds will be allowed celebrity endorsement at the brand level, an option not allowed currently. At present AMFI as the industry trade body could use such endorsements for the MF industry as a whole.

Sebi, however, said that the regulated entities will not be allowed celebrity endorsement for specific products, meaning a fund house won't be allowed to advertise a celebrity endorsing say its flexicap fund but can endorse the fund house as a whole. Such endorsements will be "subject to prescribed conditions and prior approval," Sebi said.

Sebi's consultation paper also said that instead of the current system of pre-advertisement approval from the regulator, entities would now be required to file post-advertisement reports with it. The regulator is also proposing a unified, technology-enabled advertisement framework to balance ease of doing business with investor protection, a Sebi release said. This consultation paper proposed a Common Advertisement Code (CAC) "to replace the existing fragmented, entity-specific advertisement frameworks applicable to stock brokers, depository participants, investment advisers, research analysts, online bond platform providers, portfolio managers, and mutual funds/AMCs," the release said. Under the unified, tech-enabled platform, Sebi is proposing a common reporting platform for regulated entities with multiple supervisory bodies for advertisement reporting by regulated entities. "The unified reporting mechanism is expected to bring in operational efficiency along with regulatory oversight," the release said.

IS **AI RESHAPING** THE WORLD

HOW MONEY WILL PROTECT ITSELF

Imagine making a payment in 2035. The transaction takes a second. What you don't see is the invisible battle unfolding behind it. As fraudsters deploy AI to create synthetic identities, mimic human behaviour and launch increasingly sophisticated attacks, another layer of AI will be working even faster. Every payment will carry a digital immune system that learns, adapts and responds in real time. The future of payments will not be defined by how quickly money moves, but by how intelligently trust is protected. Payment systems will evolve from merely processing transactions to predicting intent and genuine behaviour before money changes hands. This will create a new reality, machines safeguarding trust from other machines. And the future of payments doesn't necessarily hinge on who has the fastest network or the most convenient app. It could be one of those that are creating the most reliable ecosystems. In an AI-powered economy, 'automated' trust will be the most important currency.

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Why Hyd is attracting all major global life sciences companies

Pharma mfg strength is combining with tech expertise to innovate for the world

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The swanky glass towers that crowd the skyline in Hyderabad's Hitech City sport bright logos of almost all the major global life sciences, healthcare and medtech giants – Novartis, Eli Lilly, Roche, Sanofi, Bayer, Bristol Myers Squibb, MSD, Amgen, Merck KGaA, Johnson & Johnson, Sandoz, Zoetis, Evernorth, HCA Healthcare, Optum, Carelon, Opella, Providence and Medtronic. No other city in the world probably boasts of all the top 10 global life sciences companies sitting within a one-km radius. No wonder many call it the `Silicon Valley of Life Sciences'.

Hyderabad has become one of the world's largest hubs of global capability centres (GCCs) for the pharma and healthcare industry – centres where scientific depth combines with digital engineering to innovate for the world.

A big reason for this convergence is the city's reputation as a drug manufacturing behemoth – it today houses the highest number of US FDA-approved pharma manufacturing plants in any city globally at 267, higher than US's biggest pharma manufacturing hub of New Jersey, which has around 199. It also manufactures a third of the world's vaccine supplies.

So, good talent that understands the domain already exists. Combine that with Hyderabad's rich tech talent, and the city can not just manufacture drugs for the world, it can also help discover, design, analyse, regulate, launch and digitally power them too.

The entire ecosystem is valued at nearly $150 billion, employing nearly five lakh people directly. Telangana industries minister D Sridhar Babu wants to push the city into the top five global life sciences hubs by boosting the ecosystem to $250 billion by 2030, with the focus on innovation. Towards this, the state announced a new life sciences policy earlier this year.

Deliberate bet

Nearly two decades ago, when Swiss drugmaker Novartis chose Hyderabad for its GCC, the area around what is now Knowledge City (part of Hitech City) was little more than rocky scrubland, recalls Ganpat Anchaliya, head of Novartis Corporate Centre India.

Novartis started with about 200 employees. That number is now 9,000, making it one of the largest and most mature pharma GCCs in the country. Hyderabad was a deliberate bet. "We wanted to be where technology and science talent is available," Anchaliya says.

Bhanu Prakash Kalmath SJ, partner and healthcare industry leader at consulting firm Grant Thornton Bharat, says the rapid scaling of companies such as Novartis changed global perceptions. "It showed that complex, high-value pharma work could be executed at scale from Hyderabad," he says.

Today, GCCs are involved in high-end research support, analytics, digital engineering, pharmacovigilance, clinical data management, regulatory services, and AI-enabled drug discovery support.

Pharma advantage

The Hyderabad ecosystem is anchored by homegrown pharma and biopharma giants such as Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Bharat Biotech, Aurobindo Pharma, Divi's Laboratories, Biological E, Natco Pharma, Laurus Labs and Granules India, in addition to contract research, development and manufacturing organisations like Sai Life Sciences and Aragen, and clinical trials players. There is also a growing base of startups innovating in life sciences.

But it is the GCC boom, which accelerated after the Covid-19 pandemic, that is now dramatically scaling up the ecosystem. GCC enabler AMS estimates Hyderabad houses around 20% of India's more than 100 life sciences and healthcare GCCs, employing over 2.8 lakh professionals. The organisation's head of Asia-Pacific, Roop Kaistha, says the city has a great blend of specialised talent, digital depth and ecosystem strength.

Mrinal Duggal, head of Hyderabad Global Hub at Sanofi, says the centre, inaugurated in 2024, has quickly become central to the company's global operations. "It has evolved beyond traditional services into a high-value global hub supporting medical, digital, R&D, manufacturing, and business operations worldwide," she says.

Madeleine Roach, EVP and head of business operations at Sanofi, says the Hyderabad centre is playing an increasingly strategic role in the company's transformation.

Eli Lilly is also building on that digital-scientific convergence. A company spokesperson says its Hyderabad Technology and Innovation site integrates capabilities in AI, automation, cloud computing, data and software product engineering. "The location allows Lilly to draw on highly skilled talent while operating within a globally connected innovation environment," the spokesperson adds.

Pranab Kakati, head of data solution implementation services, data science and AI at Bayer Pharmaceuticals, says the city's reputation as India's pharma capital with a strong global footprint made it a natural fit for Bayer.

A quarter of office leasing

The real estate numbers underline the momentum. In 2025, of the total 5.7 million sqft of office space absorbed by GCCs in Hyderabad, 23% was taken by life sciences GCCs alone, as per consultancy CBRE. JLL, another property consultancy, estimates that pharma GCC leasing surged from an average of 0.46 mn sqft during 2016-2019 to 2.75 mn sqft between 2022 and H1 2025, a six-fold increase.

Novartis is commemorating 25 years of its GCC in India, and Anchaliya feels the next phase could be even more exciting – "driven by innovation, partnerships and collaboration."

> When we announced our plans for a GCC in early 2023, the ecosystem offered a strong pool of experienced professionals and the ability to move with speed as markets stabilised post-Covid. This allowed us to design the centre with scale, agility, and ownership in mind from the outset. And we chose to leapfrog traditional capability centre models and take on functional ownership and accountability early.
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> **Mohit Dhingra** | MD, HYDERABAD AND VP AND HEAD, BUSINESS INSIGHTS & TECHNOLOGY, HYDERABAD, BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB

> We apply focused innovation to improve care experiences, clinician productivity, and operational performance. As a strategic extension of the enterprise, we play a critical role in enabling digital transformation at scale in healthcare. Critical outcomes include improving chronic condition management, reducing administrative burden, enhancing patient access, and improving financial sustainability.
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> **Murali Krishna** | CHIEF GLOBAL OFFICER & COUNTRY HEAD - INDIA, PROVIDENCE

> In just under two years, our Hyderabad centre has grown to several thousand tech professionals. We continue to expand rapidly as a technology-focused capability hub delivering solutions across digital platforms and analytics with AI-led innovations powering cloud and cybersecurity capabilities.
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> **Prashanti Bodugum** | HEAD, EVERNORTH HEALTH SERVICES INDIA

> Our centre plays a critical role in supporting Novartis' value chain across drug discovery and development, integrating biomedical research, drug development, data science, and digital innovation. Our India teams are integrating AI tools to support the work across various stages such as early discovery through development, enabling target identification, expanding the exploration of chemical and biological spaces, and supporting early safety assessment.
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> **Ganpat Anchaliya** | HEAD, NOVARTIS CORPORATE CENTRE INDIA

> Telangana has emerged as a global epicentre for innovation-led life sciences. This is a direct outcome of our progressive policies, robust infrastructure, deep talent base and most importantly, our targeted efforts through Telangana Lifesciences. Our new life sciences policy provides the focused impetus on innovation-led growth.
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> **D Sridhar Babu** | IT & INDUSTRIES MINISTER, TELANGANA

> From deep scientific capability and digital talent to integrated infrastructure and progressive governance, every element has been deliberately designed to enable scale, speed, and global relevance. This is why leading life sciences companies are not just choosing Hyderabad for efficiency, but entrusting the city with high-value mandates – and why the question in global boardrooms today is no longer 'Why Hyderabad?', but 'Why not?'
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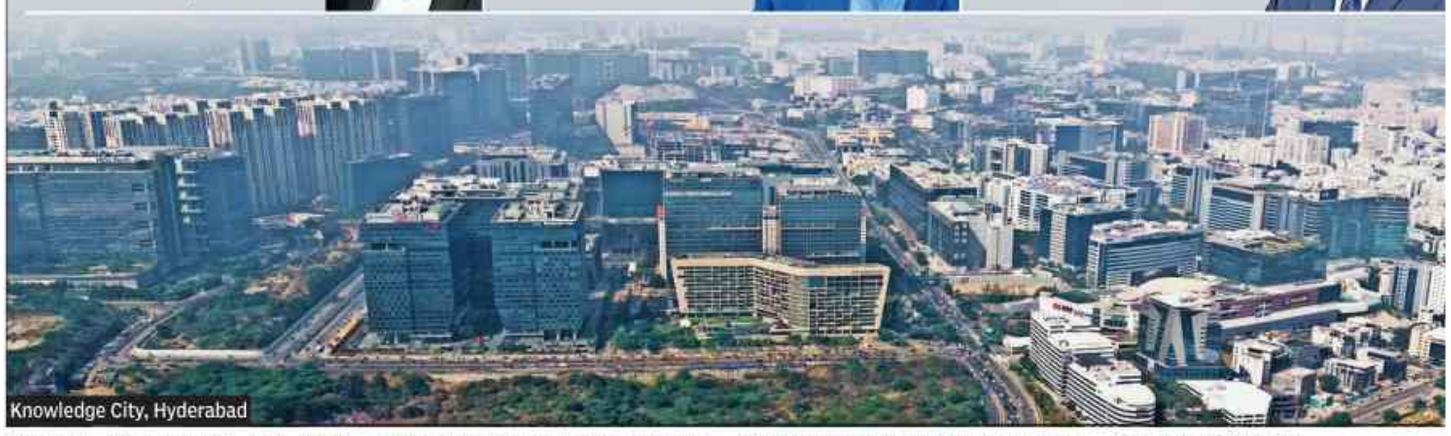

Knowledge City, Hyderabad

AI prescription for young tech talent

> My advice to students would be to focus on the fundamentals, and then make sure they are able to apply them. Employers are valuing people who can solve real problems. You need analytical thinking ability – the ability to break up a problem into smaller components, and then ask the right questions to be able to get to a certain area. You need to understand how AI really works, where it works, where it fails, why it fails. And then you need to spend time on doing projects. The theory, the degree, will get you noticed. But your portfolio, your projects, your applications, are what will get you remembered.
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> **Rohit Agarwal** | SENIOR VP, TRANSFORMATION, INNOVATION, AND ENABLEMENT, OPTUM OPERATIONS GLOBAL

Sujit John & Akhil George | TNN

For students and freshers looking at healthcare as a career, Rohit Agarwal has a clear message. A degree may get them considered. Their projects, applications and ability to solve real problems will make them stand out.

Agarwal, senior VP of transformation, innovation and enablement at Optum Operations Global, the technology arm of UnitedHealth Group, one of the largest healthcare companies in the world, said AI is changing not only how healthcare is delivered, but also what young professionals must learn. Students can no longer depend only on theory or coding skills. They need domain understanding, analytical thinking, system thinking and the ability to build practical AI applications.

"My suggestion is spend more time on building projects, doing prototypes, writing your own prompts, doing some automation and building domain depth," Agarwal said in our podcast last week.

Healthcare, he said, is one of the world's most complex industries. And it is undergoing a fundamental shift. It is moving from an episodic and reactive model to one that is proactive, personalised and consumer-centric. AI is at the centre of that shift.

The biggest impact is coming in areas where friction is high. These include access, affordability, administration and clinical decision support. For patients, AI can simplify the journey. It can help them find doctors, search for information, schedule appointments, understand prescriptions and navigate care.

For doctors, AI can reduce the administrative load that eats into patient time. Agarwal cited revenue cycle management as one major example. After a patient visit, a doctor must document the encounter. That documentation goes into coding (standardised codes used for health insurance billing, tracking patient care outcomes, etc) and billing. The bill then goes to the patient or insurer.

AI can change this through ambient listening and transcription. The conversation between doctor and patient can be transcribed automatically. AI-led workflows can then create codes and help convert that into bills.

The result is not only efficiency. Agarwal said it also gives patients better visibility into prescriptions, costs and liability.

The same logic applies to discharge, prior authorisation and insurance claims. Claims processing requires information from multiple systems. It needs details on the medical encounter, benefits, eligibility and what happened around the claim. AI can automate much of this and improve accuracy.

Optum Operations Global, Agarwal said, plays the role of a strategic innovation hub for UnitedHealth Group. Within this, the India operations play a major role. AI, he said, cannot be a siloed game. Optum brings together clinicians, business operations people, technologists, product teams, AI specialists and transformation teams to co-create AI solutions.

This is also changing jobs. Agarwal sees demand for AI engineers, data scientists, AI architects, workflow specialists, healthcare product managers and responsible AI specialists. But the bigger change is the rise of hybrid roles. The old divide between technology people and operations people is fading.

The future, he said, belongs to people who combine domain, technology and judgement. Clinicians and operations professionals will increasingly need to work with data and AI.

Healthcare companies, he said, will also need governance specialists, because the industry is highly regulated and deals with human lives.

AI Career Edge

DO NOT WAIT TO FEEL 'READY'

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

Neha Sethi

Early in my career, I spent a lot of time trying to prove that I could do it all. Like many working women, I found myself constantly switching gears – from leading teams to being a mother, caregiver and overall problem solver – often without pausing to ask what I needed for myself or what it takes to sustain that pace. I distinctly remember days that began with chaotic school drop-offs, blurred into back-to-back corporate meetings, and ended late at night under the glow of a laptop catching up on unfinished work. Back then, I equated being perpetually busy with being successful. I was simply stretching myself too thin, learning the hard way that impact requires a different kind of discipline: Knowing when to focus, when to delegate, and when to pause.

Ultimately, it meant learning some difficult lessons about balance, resilience, and self-worth.

One particular phase that shaped me deeply was when I was building the marketing function in India for TP from ground up. It was exciting, but also incredibly demanding – there was no ready playbook, and every decision carried immense pressure and accountability. Around the same time, I was also raising two young children, and there were moments when I genuinely questioned whether I was doing justice to either role. Over time, I realised that growth is rarely about dramatic breakthroughs. It comes from small, consistent actions - showing up every day, asking for help when needed, and learning not to lose yourself while building everything else around you.

Beyond the boardroom – My motivations: Outside work, life is a dynamic mix. My children, with their endless curiosity, constantly challenge how I think, often bringing a perspective so fresh that years in leadership cannot.

I have come to value how much our surroundings shape us. Whether at home or at work, the environments we build influence how we think, lead, and grow. Having benefited from strong mentorship, I feel a responsibility to create similar opportunities for others.

To young women leaders: Do not wait to feel 'ready.' Opportunities often appear before you are fully prepared. Step in, ask questions and build your network intentionally. Leadership is not about fitting into existing moulds; it is about bringing your own perspective with consistency, empathy and conviction.

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The engr's new job: Judging machines

Akhil George & Sujit John | TNN

For generations, engineers were trained to build. They designed products, wrote code, tested prototypes, ran calculations and solved technical problems through painstaking iteration. But as AI begins to take over many of those tasks, a different role is emerging inside engineering and R&D teams: that of the judge.

The shift is already visible across industries, as panelists in our discussion on building an AI-powered R&D ecosystem noted. AI can generate designs, analyse vast datasets, simulate product performance and even recommend solutions. Yet the final responsibility for deciding what is safe, ethical, commercially viable and fit-for-purpose continues to rest with human engineers.

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"AI-assisted copilots are the accelerator, but you still need a driver to reach the right destination," said Ram Mishra, VP & head of R&D for India at Legrand, the French industrial group that specialises in electrical and digital building infrastructures.

At Legrand, the combination of historical design data, simulation data and digital twins has significantly reduced the number of physical prototypes required during product development. Yet Mishra argued that some responsibilities cannot be delegated to AI. "Anything related to customer experience, safety, regulatory compliance, cybersecurity or system architecture must remain human-led," he said. "AI can generate multiple options, but engineers must make the final judgement."

The same pattern is emerging in healthcare technology. Sathish Kumar Balakrishnan, VP & head of global R&D for MRI at Philips, said AI already performs exceptionally well in areas where the rules are clearly defined and the underlying physics is understood. "In MRI, AI can help reduce scan times, improve image quality and optimise system performance," he said.

But AI still struggles, he said, in contextual judgement. "Healthcare involves ethical responsibility, clinical accountability and empathy. AI may identify a problem in an image, but deciding what that means for a patient, how to communicate it, and what action to take remains a human responsibility."

The challenge becomes more complex in engineering environments where multiple systems interact. An MRI machine, for example, combines sophisticated physics, cryogenics, software and electronics. AI may understand each domain individually, but understanding how several complex systems interact remains difficult.

That limitation points to a broader reality facing engineering organisations. Balaji Srinivasan, professor in the Wadhwani School of AI at IIT Madras, noted AI performs best when knowledge can be formalised and verified. That's one reason LLMs have become highly effective at coding and mathematics.

Engineering judgement, however, often relies on intuition, experience and contextual understanding that even humans struggle to articulate. "We don't fully understand how humans make many engineering judgements," Balaji said. "Whether it is physical intuition, ethical reasoning, or deciding between competing trade-offs, these are areas where we still don't have a complete understanding of the process itself."

That means engineers may increasingly find their value shifting away from execution and towards oversight.

Sudatta Kar, VP and head of engineering for India at Capgemini Engineering, also emphasised the criticality of deciding what can be delegated to AI, and what to engineers. That decision, she said, has to be part of a larger reinvention of an organisation's existing foundations to ensure successful AI outcomes. "They have to connect fragmented data sources, redesign engineering workflows, and build governance into systems from the start. The workflow itself has to be reimagined. You cannot simply automate isolated tasks and expect transformation," she said.

> AI is becoming an extraordinary accelerator across engineering, helping teams generate designs, run simulations and validate products faster than ever before. But acceleration is not the same as direction. Decisions involving customer experience, safety, cybersecurity, compliance and system architecture still require human judgement. The future engineer will increasingly evaluate options generated by AI and decide which path is right.
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> **Ram Mishra** | VP & HEAD OF R&D – INDIA, LEGRAND

> The real challenge is not deploying AI tools but deciding where AI should assist, where it should operate autonomously and where humans must remain in control. As engineering workflows become increasingly AI-driven, engineers will spend less time on repetitive execution and more time validating outcomes, managing risk and making critical decisions. Judgement and accountability will become their most valuable skills.
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> **Sudatta Kar** | VP & HEAD OF ENGINEERING - INDIA, CAPGEMINI ENGINEERING

> AI can process vast amounts of data and solve many engineering problems within known constraints, but contextual judgement remains uniquely human. In healthcare, technology must operate alongside ethics, accountability and empathy. As AI becomes more capable, engineers will increasingly be responsible for governing these systems, ensuring they are trained correctly, free from bias and trusted in real-world environments.
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> **Sathish Kumar Balakrishnan** | VP & HEAD OF GLOBAL R&D, MRI, PHILIPS

> Modern AI excels when knowledge can be formalised and verified, which is why it performs so well in areas such as coding and mathematics. Engineering judgement is different. It often depends on intuition, experience and contextual understanding that we do not fully understand ourselves. That is why human oversight remains essential. The future belongs to engineers who can exercise sound judgement, not just generate answers.
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> **Balaji Srinivasan** | PROFESSOR, WADHWANI SCHOOL OF AI, IIT MADRAS

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AI Architect

An AI architect is a technology professional who designs how artificial intelligence systems fit into a business. Much like a building architect creates a blueprint for a house, an AI architect creates a blueprint for AI solutions. They decide which AI models, data sources, software tools and computing infrastructure are needed to solve a problem. They also ensure that systems are secure, reliable and able to scale as demand grows. AI architects work with business leaders, software engineers, data scientists and cybersecurity teams to turn AI ideas into practical applications that deliver measurable value for an organisation.

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PUSHING FOR KNOCKOUTS

It's the **business end of the first phase of the World Cup** with teams from each group playing at the same time to ensure that **no one gets undue advantage** by knowing what they need to do to qualify. **There are teams that have already qualified** while **others on the brink** of qualification — the **new rule to have eight best third-placed teams** giving an extra window of opportunity to teams. **Four points seem safe** for qualification while with **three may just give an outside chance** for teams to sneak through. **Three groups — A, B and C** will be decided over the next one-and-a-half days and **TOI** looks at the possibilities

GROUP A

TEAM	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mexico	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
South Korea	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
Czechia	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1

> Mexico have **already qualified**

> Korea will **definitely qualify if they beat SA.** A draw may also be enough

> **Czechia need to beat Mexico** to have any hopes, because anything less than 3 will not be enough

GROUP B

TEAM	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Canada	2	1	1	0	7	1	6	4
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
Qatar	2	0	1	1	1	7	-6	1

> **Canada and Switzerland will go through as 1 and 2** if they draw their game

> Even if one loses, it will have a chance

> **Bosnia Herzegovina Vs Qatar is a shootout** and the winner has a very good chance to make it as a third-placed team

> A **draw will mean the end of the road** for both

GROUP C

TEAM	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Brazil	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
Morocco	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Scotland	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
Haiti	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0

> If **Scott McTominay's** Scotland beat Brazil, the Samba Boys may have to bank on **third-team rule to qualify**

> If **Brazil are held and Morocco beat Haiti**, the **African nation will top** the group

> Haiti have been **already eliminated**

Scotland set to probe Brazil's midfield frailties

HOME TRUTHS
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BACK THEN: Zico wheels away in celebration after equalising against the Scots in 1982

0 Brazil are the team Scotland have faced most without ever winning (P10 D2 L8).

6 Only Argentina vs Netherlands (six) has been played more times than this fixture (5) since the 1974 World Cup.

Amidst good and not-so-good fitness updates, Brazil gear up for a potentially stern examination against Scotland. It's a high-stakes last game in Group C for both teams. Win guarantees a knockout berth, but even a draw will do for Brazil.

Although history favours us, it'll be easier said than done. The hard-nosed Scots come from a region rich in football heritage. They also have a chance of qualifying, which will work as extra motivation. Brazil will have to be better than what they have been so far.

I know the 3-0 win against Haiti has soothed nerves after the draw against Morocco. Our forwards created opportunities and could have scored more goals. Even though the opposition was lowly ranked, a smart scoreline in a big competition is always a plus.

Vinicius Junior has been Brazil's go-to man. Scoring and creating goals, two Player of the Match awards confirm his class. A forward in form is essential for title aspirants. In this Real Madrid star, Brazil has one. Fast, skilled and sharp at spotting shooting angles, he can change things in moments with those cut-ins from the left.

Matheus Cunha's double against Haiti is another encouraging sign and so is Neymar's recovery. It's a boost to have the national team's highest-ever scorer back in your ranks. His experience and ability can lift an attack, which is likely to miss the injured Raphinha. However, I have a feeling that Neymar will only be used in the later stages.

But Brazil have reasons to worry too. Carlo Ancelotti tried out different faces in two matches in his 4-4-2/4-3-3 formations, especially in midfield and attack.

Things have not looked solid in the centre. With Casemiro not doing great and the rest still to make their presence felt, one can see holes. Other than instances against Haiti, supply from the midfield has been inadequate. In crunch games, this can prove costly. Resistance in this area has also been patchy. It hasn't taken the opposition a lot of time to reach the top of the Brazil box from deep inside their half. Ancelotti is trying to address it by juggling his resources.

Scotland are defensively organised and they have plenty to play for. Even a point will keep them in contention for one of the eight qualifying spots for the third-placed teams. Steve Clarke will deploy variants of the 3-5-2 and try to suffocate Brazil with a crowded defence and midfield. Finding room will be difficult.

Haiti made the mistake of advancing their backline at times, which allowed Brazil the opportunity to make space. The seasoned Scots are unlikely to do that. In the recent past, Brazil have faced problems against organised teams.

Although on paper it's Brazil's attack versus Scotland's defence, the winners of the midfield battle in Miami might hold an edge. PMG

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Group C
SCOTLAND VS BRAZIL
MOROCCO VS HAITI
3:30 am (Thursday) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

Those Endrick memes!

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Brazil fans seem convinced about one thing. It is that coach Carlo Ancelotti will go to any length to avoid playing Endrick! And the widely echoed sentiment among the *Selecao* faithful has recently seen fans tap into their wildest imaginations, manifesting in a meme fest that has taken the digital world by storm.

Among the most viral ones is an AI-generated 90-sec 'masterpiece', as some are calling it, which perhaps best captures the prevailing mood in the Canary corner.

It demonstrates how Ancelotti would much prefer to field even the injured Neymar over the promising teenager, who is seen gesticulating in frustration on the sidelines as the veteran Italian tactician remains firm in his intent not to send him on. Not even after Neymar is shown being struck by one incredible tragedy after another — from being hit by a meteorite to being tackled by a horde of American football players.

Having miraculously survived all that, Neymar is then seen hobbling off on his crutch, leaving Endrick to believe he will finally get his chance. As the substitution board flashes, however, it is Ancelotti instead who comes on, goes on a mazy run and ends up scoring a goal. The video ends with the Italian celebrating his goal while Endrick walks away in disgust.

To say Ancelotti 'doesn't like" Endrick, as Brazil fans seem to suspect, would be quite an exaggeration, even though the notion hasn't exactly arisen out of thin air. Fans have pointed to the overly cautious manner in which **Ancelotti deployed Endrick at Real Madrid (see pic)**. When Ancelotti was appointed Brazil's manager, fans joked about the likelihood of that trend continuing with the *Selecao*. That Endrick was unused when Brazil were held by Morocco in their opener only added fuel to the murmurs.

The 19-year-old did come on past the hour against Haiti. And the standing ovation he received spoke to his popularity among Brazil fans. Whether that is enough to sway Ancelotti into showing more faith in the young forward remains to be seen. "I'll bring Endrick on at the right moment," he has promised.

REMEMBER NAREY'S TOE-POKE, ZICO'S STUNNER: TEAMS GEAR UP FOR FIFTH WC MEETING

From David Narey's toe-poke to the opening game of France 98, World Cup clashes between Brazil and Scotland became a staple at the tournament towards the end of the last century. This is their fiifth meeting: Not the most played outright, because Brazil have faced Sweden seven times including in the 1958 final and in the 1994 semifinals. There have also been seven meetings of Argentina and Germany or West Germany, three of which have come in finals. But the Selecao and the Scots faced off four times at World Cups between 1974 and 1998, all in the group stage — after all, Scotland have never gone beyond the first round.

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP MEETINGS

1974: Scotland 0-0 Brazil
In 1974 in West Germany, Kenny Dalglish's Scotland held the Brazil of Jairzinho and Rivellino to a goalless draw, and were ultimately eliminated on goal difference.

1982: Scotland 1-4 Brazil
Narey's strike in Seville in 1982 remains an iconic World Cup moment, but it did not really have the desired effect as it simply stirred the Brazil of Socrates and Zico to life — they came back to win 4-1.

FIFA

1990: Scotland 0-1 Brazil
A late Mueller goal gave the Brazilians a laboured 1-0 victory in Turin at Italia 90

1998: Scotland 1-2 Brazil Scotland prevented Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Bebeto from scoring in the tournament opener only for Tom Boyd's own goal to decide the contest 2-1 in favour of the Cup holders. AFP

COLOMBIA COACH CALLS FOR CALM HEADS AGAINST DR CONGO

Group K
COLOMBIA VS DR CONGO
7:30 am (Wed) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

Vancouver: Colombia coach Nestor Lorenzo said on Monday his side must neutralise DR Congo's counter-attacking threat while maintaining their identity when the teams meet in World Cup Group K on Tuesday in Guadalajara. The South Americans opened with a 3-1 win over Uzbekistan and can secure a round of 32 berth with victory, but Lorenzo warned DR Congo, who drew 1-1 with Portugal in their opener, would pose a different tactical challenge. Congo's 5-3-2 formation, with two forwards held high, makes transitions and counter-attacks the key danger to manage, Lorenzo said.

Luis Diaz scored and assisted against Uzbekistan and Lorenzo praised the Bayern Munich forward's versatility. "The important thing is not how many times he attacks, but how the moves finish," Lorenzo said of Diaz. "Lucho is a complete forward."

Lorenzo said he had no major selection doubts and declined to name his lineup.

Lorenzo urged his players to channel the crowd's energy, after several were visibly moved against Uzbekistan at the Azteca. "We have to play with a hot heart and a cool head," he said. REUTERS

Bosnia, Qatar fight for 3rd place

Group B
BOSNIA VS QATAR
SWITZERLAND VS CANADA
12:30 am (Thursday) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

Seattle: Bosnia and Herzegovina and Qatar go into their final World Cup Group B game on Wednesday knowing they realistically must win to progress, with a possible last-32 clash against co-hosts the United States the prize on offer.

The two sides began their tournaments well enough as Bosnia held Canada to a creditable draw while Qatar, whose only previous finals appearance was on home soil in 2022, snatched a late equaliser against Switzerland.

Their disastrous second matches, however, leave them targeting third in Group B, which could set up a knockout game against the U.S. in San Francisco on July 1 — but only if one of them can grab all three points in Seattle.

Bosnia held out for more than 70 min until the wheels fell off in a 4-1 defeat by the Swiss and Qatar were simply blown away, already 2-0 down when Homam Ahmed was sent off to open the floodgates in a 6-0 drubbing. The hefty margins of defeat severely damaged their goal difference, which could hamper their chances of progress if they are level on points with rival third-placed teams. REUTERS

South Korea seek decisive win

Group A
SOUTH AFRICA VS SOUTH KOREA
CZECHIA VS MEXICO
6:30 am (Thursday) Live on Zee5 & Unite8 Sports

Monterrey: South Africa and South Korea both have victory on their agenda for their decisive World Cup Group A clash in Monterrey on Wednesday where similar playing styles could produce an eye-catching spectacle.

Co-hosts Mexico, who take on Czechia in Mexico City at the same time, have already secured top place in the group after beating both South Africa and South Korea. But progress to the last 32 is still alive for all in the group, either as runners-up or, if they get enough points, as one of the best eight third-placed finishers across the 12 first-round groups. South Korea, who have three points after beating the Czechs, are in a superior position to South Africa, who have a single point after a late draw with the Czechs.

A pacey approach, using the wings but also trying to penetrate through the middle of the field, is similar to what South Korea are likely to employ, and the prospect of two sides attacking each other might be a refreshing spectacle in a tournament where many teams sit back and look to the transition to create opportunities. REUTERS

SNAP SHOTS

NZ OUTPLAY SCOTLAND

Defending champion New Zealand lived to fight another day at the Women's T20 World Cup after defeating Scotland by six wickets on Tuesday. In the other match, Sri Lanka cruised past Ireland by nine wickets. **Brief scores: Scotland 131/7 in 20 overs** (Darcey Carter 72, Kathryn Bryce 25; Mellie Kerr 3-17, Sophie Devine 2-19) **lost to New Zealand 132/4 in 18.2 overs** (Izzy Sharp 62, Brooke Halliday 41; Bryce 2-13, Rachel Slater 2-22). **Ireland 130/5 in 20 overs** (Gaby Lewis 59, Alice Tector 28) **lost to Sri Lanka 134/1 in 15.3 overs** (Chamari Athapaththu 106).

Shedge replaces Reddy: Suryansh Shedge has replaced injured all-rounder Nitish Reddy in India's squad for the upcoming T20I series against Ireland and England, the BCCI said on Tuesday. Reddy was ruled out with a quadriceps injury that he had sustained during the recent ODI series against Afghanistan.

Pant takes pay cut to join DC: Rishabh Pant took a massive pay cut of Rs 12 crore after two underwhelming seasons as the Lucknow Super Giants' captain and Delhi Capitals wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav were involved in a high-profile trade off completed on Tuesday. Pant returns to the Capitals for Rs 15 crore. Kuldeep moved to LSG at his existing fee of Rs 13.5 crore.

Asiad berths up for grabs: Murali Sreeshankar, Animesh Kujur and Vishal TK would be among a host of stars who would be vying for a spot in India's Asian Games squad at the National Inter-State Championships beginning in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday. Seasoned shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor and star 3000m steeplechaser Parul Chaudhary — both gold medallists at the 2022 Asian Games — would also be in action during the five-day meet.

B'lore Phantom score: Bangalore Phantom FC registered a 6-0 win against Hampinagar FC in a BDFA 'C' Division league match in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Phantom's Shiva Charan opened the scoring in the eighth minute. HC Malsawmtluanga added the second in the 13th minute **Results:** Bangalore Phantom FC 6 (Shiva Charan 8, 23, HC Malsawmtluanga 13, Khongembpumhel Angon 20, 50, Lumingtip Wanniang 39) bt Hampinagar 0; ECD FC 2 (Soonil Ghinrey 55, Deepan Tamang 57) bt Universal FC 0; Muslim Heroes FC bt Crescent FC (w/o); Bentex FC 3 (Alan George 10, Abhinav B 48, 52) drew with Bangalore Yellows FC 3 (Kiran K 25 -og, Shivakumar 41, Mohammed Sufiyan 56).

Yashaswini eyes strong build-up

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IN FOCUS: Yashaswini

Bengaluru: At the start of the 2025 season, Yashaswini Ghorpade set a clear target: to represent India at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya. Last week, the Karnataka paddler turned that ambition into reality when she was included in the national squad. With the table tennis events beginning on Sept 20 at Sky Hall Toyota, Yashaswini now has three months to sharpen her skills and make an impression in Japan.

ASIAN GAMES

Before heading to the Asian Games, Yashaswini is scheduled to compete in the Commonwealth Championships in New Delhi and national ranking events. These tournaments should provide match practice and build momentum ahead of the marquee event.

"Asian players are always strong in table tennis. With nations like China, Korea, Japan, and others in the fray, I need to be at my best. The ultimate goal will be to achieve glory and make a mark in my first multi-sport event, so these few months are crucial," said Yashaswini told TOI. She will next compete at the United States Smash, starting Friday, and will also participate in the Europe Smash in Sweden, in August.

"My focus is primarily on the Asiad, but these tournaments are important. A good outing will boost my confidence, but I want to take it one tournament at a time," she said.

After the Smash event in the US, Yashaswini will travel to Bengaluru and train under her coach, Anshuman Roy, at the UTT-Skies High Performance Centre for about three weeks. Anshuman, her coach for the last 14 years, has made extensive plans to aid her preparation.

"There are no drastic changes needed in her game, but we will work on some match tactics. We also need to ensure that she is mentally and physically fit. I already have a couple of Indian sparring partners for her, but I have reached out to some Malaysian and Korean players with a similar playing style who will be on display at the Asian Games. The financial discussions are currently underway to get one of them here," said Anshuman, who will travel with her for the national ranking tournaments in August.

Though 21, there is no dearth of experience for the Bengaluru girl, who bagged silver in the WTT Feeder Cappadocia in Turkey in March. She also made her World Team Table Championship debut in April-May in London and will bring her experience into play. Still, the quadrennial event in Japan remains the biggest challenge of her career.

India survive Pak fightback

The Indian men's hockey team continued its domination over Pakistan, edging the arch-rivals 4-3 in an FIH Pro League match at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in London on Tuesday. Coming into the contest on back of impressive wins over the Netherlands and Germany, India were the better side for large parts and deserved the victory.

Yet, they were stunned early when Pakistan struck first in the eighth minute. Ahmad Nadeem converted a penalty-corner variation that caught the Indian defence completely off guard.

FIH PRO LEAGUE

India responded in style. Abhishek restored parity in the 22nd minute before Nilakanta Sharma put them ahead just two minutes later. Sukhjeet Singh extended lead in the 40th minute and Rajinder Singh made it 4-1 in the 52nd, seemingly putting the contest beyond Pakistan's reach. Pakistan, however, refused to fade away. Captain Abu Mahmood pulled one back a minute later from a penalty corner, squeezing the ball through goalkeeper Suraj Karkera's legs. Karkera, who otherwise had a solid outing, would have been disappointed not to keep the effort out.

The match remained open till the final whistle. India earned another penalty corner but failed to capitalise, while Pakistan made their chances count. In the final minute, Moin Shakeel scored from a rebound after Pakistan won their eighth penalty corner of the evening, setting up a nervy finish. TNN

ON TARGET: Abhishek

Kranthi stars for Gulbarga

Mysuru: Gulbarga Mystics registered their maiden win in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament here on Tuesday. At the SDNRW Stadium, Gulbarga eased to a 95-run win over Shivamogga Yodhas.

Gulbarga rode on a blistering powerplay, which yielded 93 runs, and an all-round performance from Kranthi Kumar (31, 22b & 2/8). They posted 232/8. Gautam Mishra (3/34) and Ronit More (2/7) also shone as Gulbarga restricted Shivamogga to 137.

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Put in to bat, Gulbarga opener Lochan Gowda (47, 21b) and No.3 batter Prakhar Chaturvedi (45, 19b) set the tempo. But Shivamogga medium pacer Bheem Rao Navale dismissed Lochan and Prakhar in the space of 11 runs. Macneil Noronha (26) and captain Manish Pandey (22) added 35 runs for the fifth wicket. Later, Kranthi first dismissed Harshil Dharmani (23) off the last ball of his first over and then got rid of captain R Smaran (23) off the first ball of his next to effectively end Shivamogga's ambitions of pulling off a high-scoring chase.

WARRIORS PREVAIL

In the day's other match, Mysore Warriors rode on Chethana LR's quickfire 60-ball 106 to claim a 72-run win over Bengaluru Blasters. **Brief scores: Gulbarga Mystics 232/8 in 20 overs** (Lochan Gowda 47, Prakhar 45, Noronha 26, Kranthi 31; Navale 2-31, Naveen 2-44) **bt Shivamogga Yodhas 137 in 19.4 overs** (Sisodia 30; Gautam 3-34, Ronit 2-12, Kranthi 2-7). **Mysore Warriors:** 203/6 in 20 overs (Chethana LR 106, Karthikeya KP 65) **bt Bengaluru Blasters: 131 all out in 16 overs** (Samit Dravid 30, Praveen Dubey 36; Arbind Rai 4-17, Madhav Bajaj 2-23). TNN

MCHS edge past Mandya

MCHS edged past Mandya 63-62 in the boys section of the State youth (U-16) upper pool super league basketball championship in Bengaluru. **Select results: Boys:** Chikkamagaluru 68 (Bharath 23) bt B'lore Sporting 50 (Sai Kiran 23); PPC 74 (Arjun 18) bt Dharwad 'B' 46 (Preetham 12); Beagles BC 68 (Shourya 15) bt Mysuru 'B' 23 (Prajit 10); HBR 57 (Rhythm Rai 24) bt Dharwad 'A' 42 (Sanju 14); MCHS 63 (Shivank 18) bt Mandya 62 (Yashwanth 27); Mysuru 'A' 76 (Rohan 21) bt Hebbal 57 (Kunal 19); MNK Rao Park BC 56 (Dev Naidu 16) bt Chikkamagaluru 36 (Bharath 13); Southern Blues

STATE U-16 BASKETBALL

71 (Trinabh 19) bt Dharwad 'B' 61 (Preetam 24); Young Orions SC 63 (Avyam 12) bt Mysuru 'B' 28 (Prajit 8); Vimanapura 53 (Daniel 20) bt Dharwad 'A' 28 (Sanju 9); IBBC 55 (Tarun 21) bt Mandya 42 (Chinmay Gowda 26); AVBC 59 (Ayaan Ali 23) bt Mysuru 'A' 43 (Sarthak 12). **Girls:** MCHS 62 (Saanvi 16) bt Mysuru 'B' 38 (Lagna 14); Mounts Club 79 (Inaya 19) bt Davangere 16 (Saanvi 8); DYES, Vidyanagar 61 (Vibha 26, Monika 17) bt Mandya 57 (Kusuma 13); Appaiah BC 33 (Tia Rohom 8) bt PPC 27 (Samitha 11); Vivek's SC 40 (Linisha 17) bt Young Orions SC 13 (Mishika 10); MNK Rao Park BC 41 (Srinidhi 10) bt Dharwad 'A' 33 (Geetami 9); Southern Blues 48 (Diya 13) bt Mysuru 'B' 37 (Chaitra 9); Mandya 66 (Sadhana 17) bt Bangalore Vanguards 61 (Suhanvi 13). TNN

Manu begins new chapter with Jelena

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New Delhi: Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker will continue her Asian Games preparation under the guidance of Serbian pistol expert Jelena Arunovic, who has been attached to the star shooter by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) to oversee her coaching programme and training needs. Manu was being coached by Jaspal Rana, who passed away suddenly following cardiac complications on June 12.

SHOOTING

Jelena, the head foreign coach of the Indian pistol team, will now occupy Manu's coaching corner during national and international competitions, a role that had long been filled by Rana, TOI has learnt. The arrangement has been worked out by the NRAI in consultation with Manu, who has agreed to the plan.

"Till now, Rana was taking care of all of Manu's coaching and training needs and guiding her through competitions. After his death, a vacuum was created. The NRAI felt it was important to attach Jelena with Manu and provide her every possible support during this challenging period," NRAI secretary general Pawan Singh said.

Gold Ride fancied

Mysuru: The Ramanathan-trained Gold Ride— to be ridden by S Farid Ansari—is the best bet for the SV Subramanian Memorial Trophy, the feature event at the races here on Wednesday. The JS Pillay-schooled Drisana is the next best. First race starts at 1.30 pm. **1. The Heggadadevanakote Plate - 1200M:** Tejash 1, Pilot Officer 2. **2. The Alberetto Plate -1600M:** Carolina Springs 1, Davids Delight 2. **3. The Kapila Plate (Div II) -1200M:** Secret Shadow 1, Biometric 2. **4. The Goa Plate (Div II) -1400M:** Elsa 1, Nozomi 2. **5. The Kapila Plate (Div I) - 1200M:** Habibti 1, Arikattu 2. **6. The S.V.Subramaniam Memorial Trophy - 1200M:** Gold Ride 1, Drisana 2. **7. The Ranibennur Plate -1400M:** Chief Admiral 1, Time For Victory 2. **8. The Goa Plate (Div. I) -1400M:** Selma 1, Cloudy Hills 2. **Day's best:** Habibti **Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **Mini Jackpot:** 5, 6, 7 & 8. **First Treble:** 1, 2 & 3. **Second Treble:** 3, 4 & 5. **Third Treble:** 6, 7 & 8. TNN

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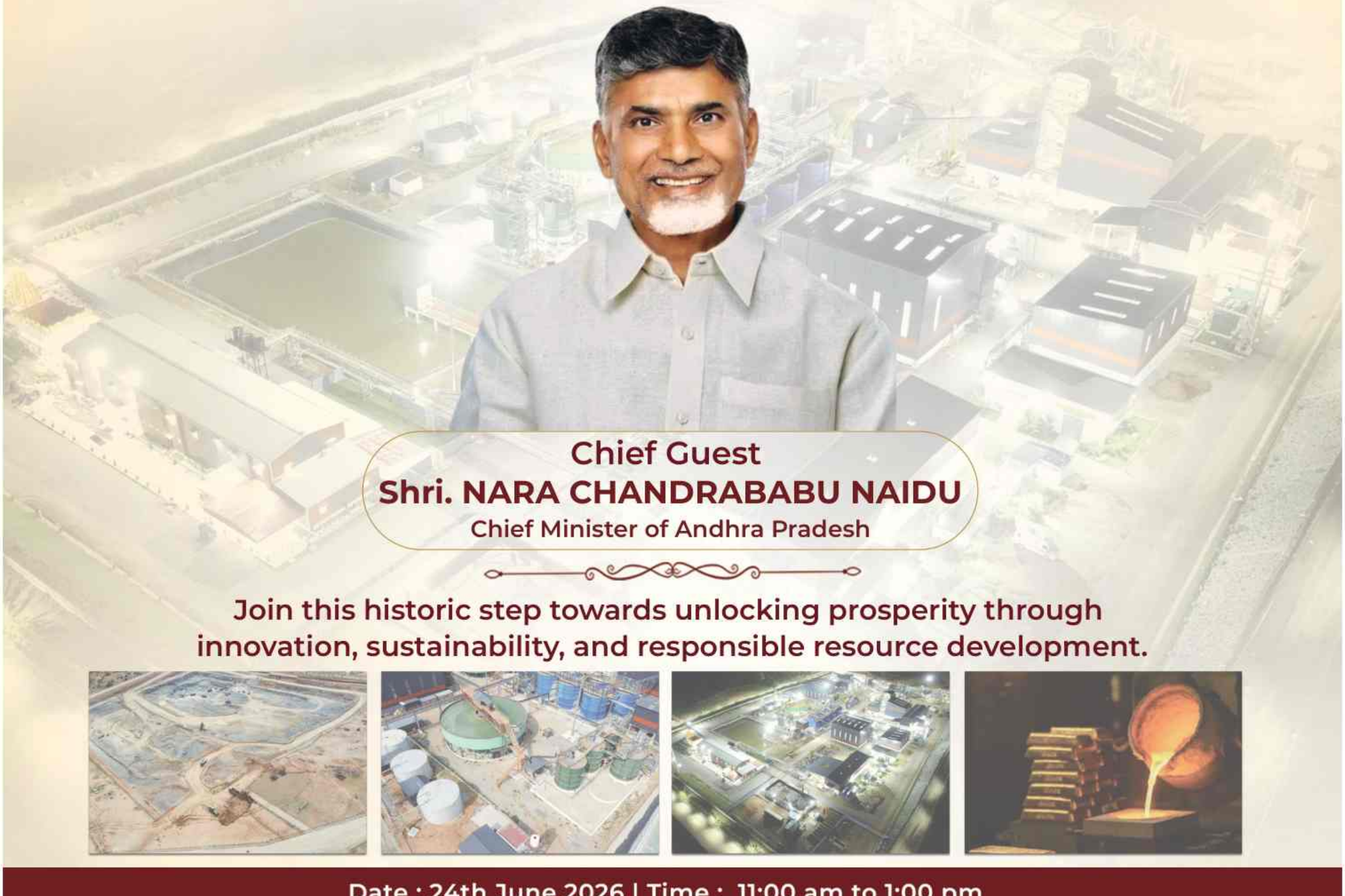

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